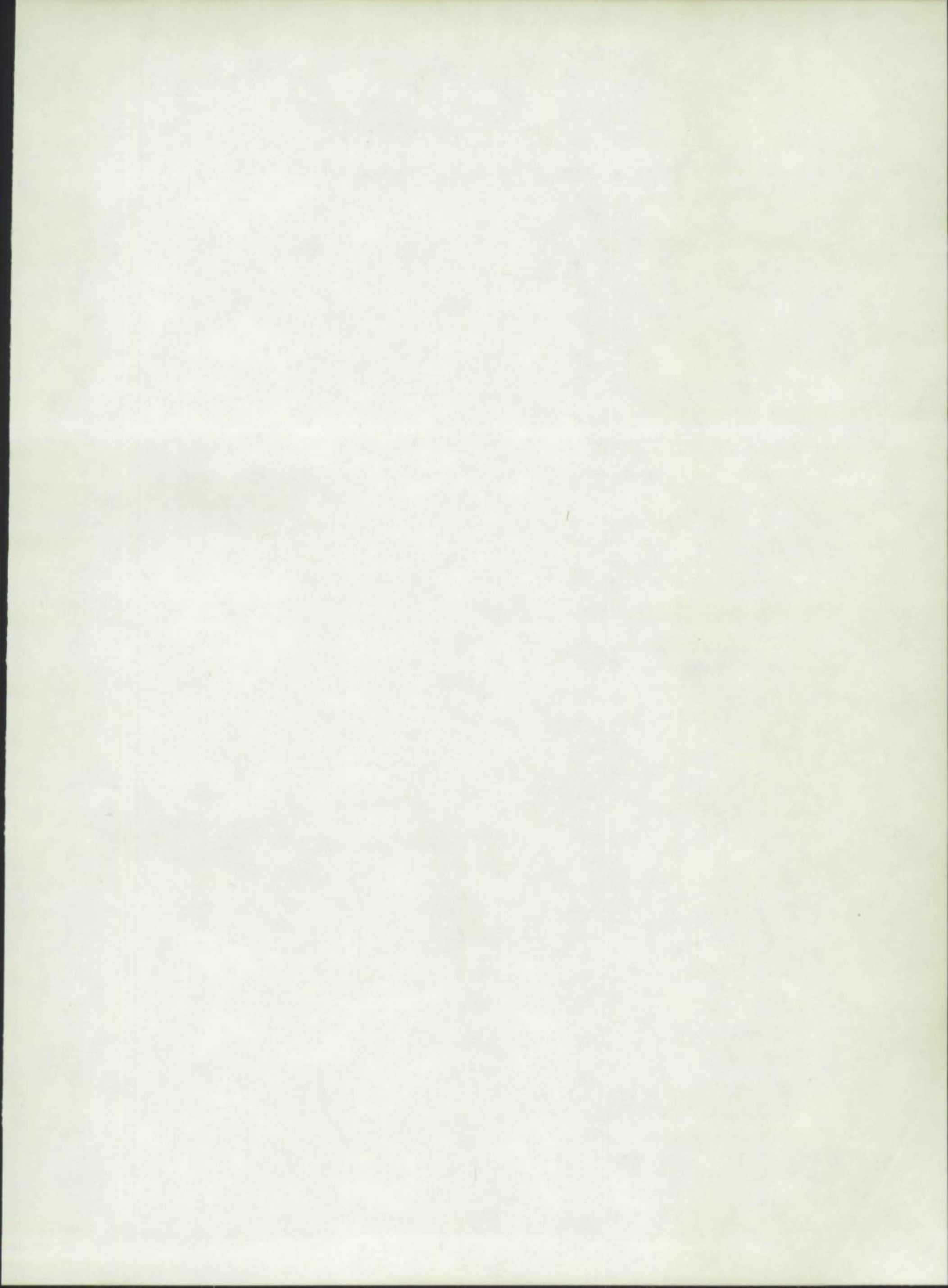
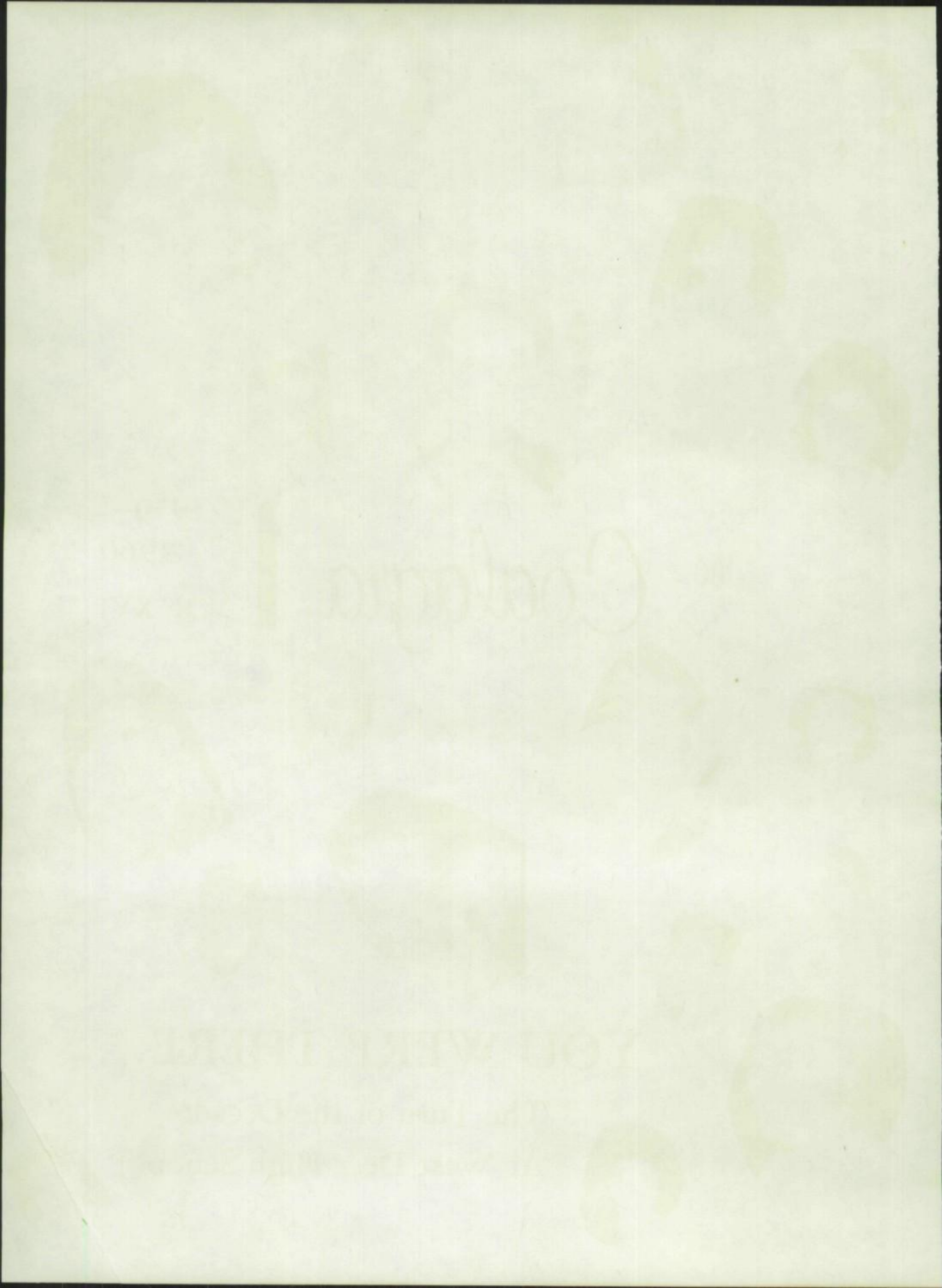


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The Turn of the Decade
At West Deer High School



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West Deer Township
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Foreword...

You Made News During 1959-60

It was the school year 1959-60 . . . the turn of a decade . . . West Deer High School . . . and YOU WERE THERE. You were one of 859 students who helped set a new, bulging enrollment record here. In fact, in many ways, the year was record-making . . . different . . . spectacular . . . memorable . . . mainly because of you.

In reality, there was much expected of you during the year . . . much offered to you . . . and in most cases much gained by you. Throughout it all beamed the realization that you had been picked as the foundation for a do-or-die future . . . a future which had a rendezvous with destiny. Your main task at hand was to learn . . . about everything you could . . . from everybody you could . . . teachers . . . guest speakers . . . books . . . newspapers . . . yes, even TV. You learned through individual study . . . oral reports . . . even from those ever lovin' research papers!

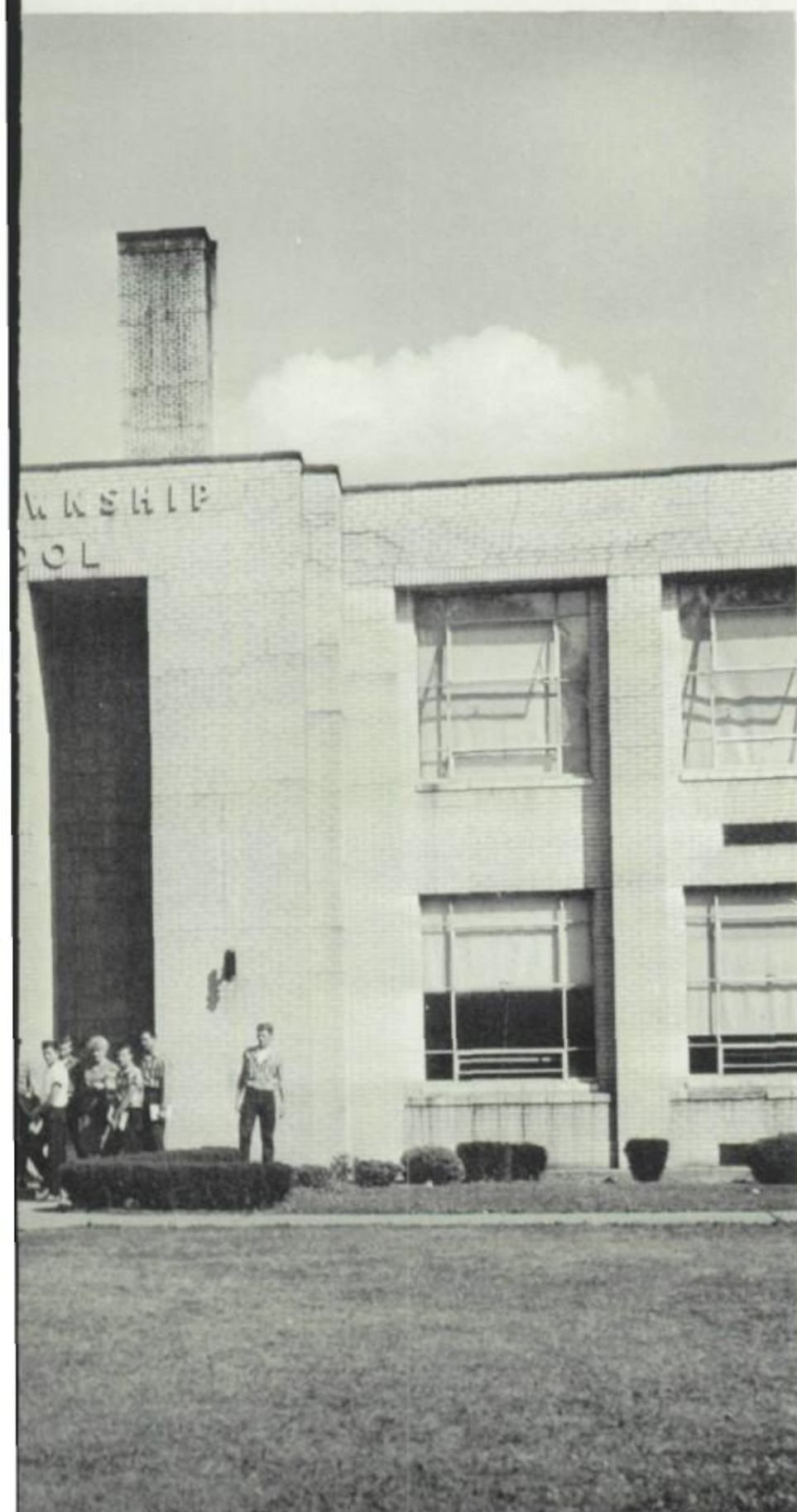
You learned by looking . . . filmstrip . . . demonstration . . . blackboard . . . microscope. You learned by doing . . . prepare oxygen . . . draw a building in perspective . . . conjugate verbs . . . solve quadratic equations . . . use force in your oral delivery . . . operate a lathe . . . measure the gravitational pull on an object . . . sew a straight seam.

But midst it all you still enjoyed yourself immensely, no matter how tough they tried to make high school. You learned the processes of participating, becoming a leader, enriching your life and those of others by taking part in countless school events of all types.

And whether we won or not, you still turned out to cheer the Braves. You were seen at the class parties . . . the Christmas Ball . . . the S & S . . . the Prom . . . the school picnic at West View.

And when it was all over, you had achieved your cherished goal . . . a diploma signifying 12 long years of study in American schools.

Almost instantaneously it was all over. But as you leaf through the pages of your COALAGRA, may you relive the school year 1959-60 . . . the turn of a decade . . . West Deer High School . . . when YOU WERE THERE.





You Were There...



PERSONNEL





CITIZENS ON THE JOB — These seven township citizens, plus their legal adviser, made up the West Deer Twp. Board of Education during the 1959-60 school term. They had the task of setting policies and keeping close tab of the township educational facilities that now total in the millions of dollars. From left are Atty. William Rodger, of Curtisville; Mrs. John Doman, Bairdford; George Semko, board secretary, Saxonburg Blvd.; Atty. Max O. Siegel, board solicitor; Robert Graham, board president, Russellton; Louis Castello, board treasurer, Bairdford; John Makuta, board vice-president, Curtisville, and Clarence T. Norris, Culmerville. The board members, ardent citizens dedicated to providing the best education possible for children of West Deer Twp., serve without pay. Only the secretary and the treasurer receive nominal sums for their additional duties.

'Growing Pains' Still Ail School Board

Everything continued to grow during the 1959-60 school term — so that meant more of that 20th century ailment known as "growing pains" which the West Deer Board of Education had to endure and attempt to remedy.

The school district student population continued its upward spiral, now clearing the 2,200 mark. Each of the five schools in the district was feeling effects of bulging enrollment. More meetings were held in an attempt to find a solution, but there seemed to be an unexplainable stalemate. Some were still advocating a merger with East Deer Twp., while others were suggesting a larger district union. During 1959-60, the picture of what happens in the next few years in respect to adequate building facilities remained confused.

Some relief is expected if the local parochial schools are constructed as scheduled. However, the bulge would still remain in the secondary level.

Mounting costs also produced more problems for the Board. The budget for 1960-61 was expected to climb over \$800,000. That meant the school district would soon be spending a million dollars a year to operate efficiently.

Facing these problems and decisions, plus many, many more, were the seven members of the Board. Joining the veteran members, Mr. Graham, Mr. Castello,

and Mr. Semko, during the year were Mrs. Doman and Mr. Makuta, appointed to replace Mr. Buydoso and Mr. Falconer who resigned their positions because of other occupational duties. Then in December, two more familiar West Deer citizens, Mr. Norris and Atty. Rodger, were added to the Board via elections. It was a "welcome back" for Mr. Norris since he had previously served as teacher and superintendent in the school district for over 24 years. Atty. Rodger's election to the Board was significant in that he became the first West Deer High School graduate to be given the honor.





STILL GOING STRONG — Probably no one understands functions and responsibilities of a School Board as do Mr. Graham, left, and Mr. Castello, the “deans” of the West Deer Board. Mr. Graham has been a member of the West Deer Board for the past 19 years; Mr. Castello, the past 21 years. Both have been key figures in formulating the decisions which have resulted in almost phenomenal growth for the West Deer School District in the last decade. Within that time the district has advanced from dilapidated, dangerous wooden buildings and no high school to the present picture of three modern elementary school structures and a high school that provide top notch education for a student enrollment of well over 2,200 — and still growing.

WELCOME AND FAREWELL — It resulted in an exchange of greetings last December when two new School Board members, Mr. Norris and Atty. Rodger, were elected to positions formerly occupied by outgoing members, Mrs. Edna Mae Stout and George Vranesh, Sr. Extending the official “welcome” and “farewell” wishes was Mr. Graham, the Board president.



TAXPAYERS SPEAK UP (Below left) — Mrs. Elmer Holibaugh, representing Russellton P-TA, presents a request to the School Board during a typical meeting. Other township citizens on hand for the meeting that particular evening were, from left, Mrs. Everett “Maw” Daugherty, Mrs. Mervin Grunden, Mrs. W. E. Nary, and Mrs. Dorothy Booth. School Board meetings are always open to the public and taxpayers of the township are extended a standing invitation to present suggestions for the betterment of their school district.

REQUEST GRANTED (Below) — From the apparent pleased look on the faces of the visiting citizens, their request or suggestion was **accepted** by the Board. During the course of the year the **Board** must act on countless requests, some in the form of hot **tempered** criticisms, ranging from permission to use building facilities to “why didn’t the school bus wait a few minutes extra **yesterday** morning for my daughter?”. At times the requests or “suggestions” come in the form of illogical criticisms from **selfish** individuals who have not attempted to examine the **point** in question from all sides.





ANOTHER BUSY YEAR FOR A BUSY MAN — Budgets, increased expenditures, requests from citizens, requests from the school board, requests from teachers, requests from students, fulfill new educational requirements from state — these were some of the thousand-and-one aspects of education which almost daily crossed the desk of William E. Burns, superintendent of West

Deer Twp. schools. As the head man, Mr. Burns assumed the weighty responsibility of seeing that all four of the West Deer Twp. schools (Russellton, Curtisville, Bairdford, and West Deer High) functioned perfectly. This year Mr. Burns marked his 16th year as a West Deer administrator, his second year as superintendent.

JUST A CHAT — Although it appears serious, it's really just a friendly chat between Barbara Grebeck and Dr. Bruno Casile, director of curriculum. Dr. Casile, now in his 14th year with West Deer schools, never loses contact with students, even though most of his duties relate to planning and coordinating phases of instruction with teachers and other administrators.



BOSS MAN (Below) — Heading operations at West Deer High for the second year was Principal Matthew Petrina. A glance in his office, always a bee-hive of activity, was proof enough that Mr. Petrina had a particularly active year.



Challenging Year Met By W.D. Administrators

It turned out to be an extremely challenging year in many ways for the West Deer administrators. The challenges came from varied sources.

The world at large continued its dizzy, maddening pace of progress that created exceptional demands in the world of education. Thus the curriculum had to be re-examined, re-vitalized, re-inforced as never before.

Another challenge came from the state level which established new educational requirements attempting to utilize every available minute in the school day for full academic advantage. The administrators had to see that these requirements were carried out completely.

From the school board, voice of the local citizens, came more challenging tasks and projects which had to be planned and distributed to the appropriate departments.

All in all, if you were a West Deer administrator in 1959-60, you had a mighty challenging year.

LIVING IT UP (Below) — Faculty row seems to enjoy school parties as much as the students do. From left are Mr. and Mrs. Monnier, Mrs. and Mr. Burns, and Mrs. and Mr. Petrina.



Weddings, Projects--Faculty Has

If you were a West Deer High School faculty member during the turn of the decade, 1959-60, you took part in a mighty eventful year around the WD scene.

At least seven teachers will remember it probably more than others. Relinquishing their "most eligible" status to become married during the year were such former stalwart "singles" as Mr. Siegel, Mrs. (Mariotti) Radovitch, Mr. Capellman, Mr. DiMarco, Mr. Whartenby, and Mr. Salvatore.

New faculty members on the WD scene this term were Mr. DeFazio, Mr. Lavrich, Mrs. Molnar, as well as Mr. Curcio and Miss Huber who began their duties during the second semester. Also welcomed back was Mr. King, talented art instructor who formerly taught here but left for two years to work with the Atomic Energy Comm. Missing from their former WD classroom positions were Mrs. Laird, who accompanied her husband for a teaching assignment in Germany; Mr. Graham, who left teaching for a sales position; and Mrs. Roembild, who joined the housewife ranks. Also leaving at mid-terms were Mr. Karcis, to the New Ken school district, and Mrs. Monday, housewife.

NOTEBOOK JOTTINGS ABOUT WD TEACHERS . . . Another WD teacher MISS KRAFT, was chosen to assist in the evaluation of a district high school . . . MRS. SCHUSTER was named county representative of United Business Ed Assn., as well as business ed chairman at the Springdale workshop . . . More national recognition was accorded WD when an article written by MRS. ACCIAI appeared in an educational periodical . . . WD's globe-trotting faculty member, MR. UTZIG, again made travel news with a tour of Europe . . . Around the local community the most startling thing to happen was the election of MR. PIAZZA as the new township justice-of-peace. The "squire" ran on the independent Democrat ticket and turned out to be a top vote getter . . . Another winner for School Board on the same ticket was MR. NORRIS, former WD teacher and superintendent.

Big in-service project of the term was when WD teachers visited area schools in order to view and compare educational procedures and facilities. Their observations and detailed reports proved extremely enlightening in the quest to provide top level education at WD . . . The PSEA "social" season included a much enjoyed fall get-together at North Park, a dinner party held at Bull Creek Church, and several spring events.

Interesting notes: Seven teachers are WD High grads — MR. ANDRIKO '46, MR. ANGELONI '48, MR. UTZIG '48, MR. SCHULTZ '49, MR. FORMENTO '49, MRS. DIGIROLAMO '50, and MR. LAVRICH '55 . . . According to office records, seven WD teachers went through the entire term without missing a day. They were MR. KERNAN, MR. MONNIER, MR. SIPES, MR. VITKAY, MR. WHARTENBY, MISS KRAFT, MR. CURCIO. "Iron Men" of the faculty are Mr. Sipes, missing only two days in 14 years, and Mr. Monnier, three days in 14 years . . . MR. SIEGEL will be on leave during 60-61 term to do advanced college work.



DENO ACCIAI

B.S., M.Ed. . . . Algebra,
Mechanical Drawing . . .
Slide Rule Club . . . Married
...Lives in Lower Burrell.
7 years teaching experience,
6 at WD.



MRS. DOROTHY ACCIAI

B.S., M.Ed. . . . Guidance
Counselor . . . Married . . .
Lives in Lower Burrell . . .
7 years as teacher and coun-
selor, 5 at WD.



FACULTY ROW LIVES IT UP! — "There's nothing we like better than a good wedding!" is what you hear veteran teachers at West Deer exclaim. And this scene, Mr. and Mrs. Capellman's wedding in January, was typical during the year as the ranks of faculty eligible bachelors diminished further.

Eventful Year



ERNEST ANDRIKO

B.S., M.Ed. . . . Biology . . . Science Club, Jr. High Basketball . . . Lives in Baird-ford . . . 7 years teaching experience, all at WD.



VINCENT ANTONELLI

B.S. . . . Attendance Head, Athletic Director, Family Living, Reading, Health . . . Activities Chairman, Student Congress . . . Married . . . One child . . . Lives in West Deer Manor . . . 15 years teaching experience, 12 at WD.



DANIEL ANGELONI

B.A., M.Ed. . . . English, P.O.D., Journalism . . . Year-book, Press Club . . . Married . . . Lives in Ideal Manor . . . 7 years teaching experience, all at WD.



MISS JOANNE BOSSERT

B.S. . . . Home Ec. . . . 9th Grade Sponsor . . . Cheer-leaders . . . Lives in Oak-mont . . . 2 years teaching experience, both at WD.



ARNOLD CAPELLMAN

B.S. . . . Industrial Arts, Printing . . . Married . . . Lives in Springdale . . . 2 years teaching experience, both at WD.



MRS. ELIZABETH CUNNINGHAM

B.A., M.Ed. . . . Algebra, Plane Geometry, Solid Geom-etry, Trig., Advanced Math . . . Math Dept. Head . . . Married . . . Lives in Bracken-ridge . . . 16 years teaching experience, 11 at WD.



ALBERT CURCIO

B.S. . . . Office Practice Business Math, Business Eng-lish . . . Came to WD during the second semester after being graduated from Indi-ana STC.



JOSEPH DeFAZIO

B.S., M.Ed. . . . Science . . . Unified Studies . . . Married . . . 2 children . . . Lives in O'Hara Twp. . . . 5 years teaching experience, 4 at WD.



**MRS. JOLENE
DIGIROLAMO**

B.S. . . . English . . . Future Teachers . . . Married . . . Lives in Brackenridge . . . 6 years teaching experience, 4 at WD



DONALD DIMARCO

B.S. . . . Metal Shop, Mechanical Drawing . . . Shop Club . . . Married . . . Lives in Glenshaw . . . 3 years teaching experience, all at WD.



STEPHEN FORMENTO

B.S. . . . French, English . . . French Club . . . Married . . . 2 children . . . Lives in Curtisville . . . 5 years teaching experience, all at WD.



JOSEPH FORTINO

B.S., M.A. . . . General Science . . . Lives in Sharpsburg . . . 6 years teaching experience, 3 at WD.



RAYMOND FORTUN

B.Ed., M.Ed. . . . English, History . . . Married . . . 4 children . . . Lives in Cheswick . . . 12 years teaching experience, all at WD



**MRS. MARGARET
GIRDWOOD**

B.Ed. . . . Phys. Ed. . . . Intramurals . . . Married . . . 2 children . . . 2 grandchildren . . . Lives in Gibsonia . . . 15 years teaching experience, 10 at WD.



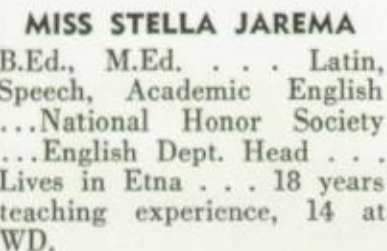
JOHN GRAFF

B.S., M.Litt., M.A. . . . Science, Economic Geography . . . Archery Club, Sophomore Sponsor . . . Married . . . 2 children . . . Lives in West Deer Manor . . . 14 years teaching experience, all at WD.



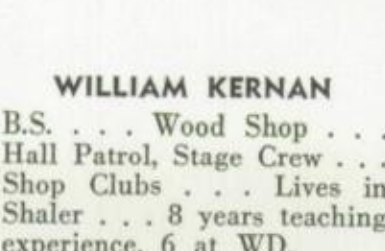
MISS MARY ANN HUBER

B.Ed. . . . Math . . . Lives in Belle Vernon . . . Came to WD at beginning of 2nd semester after being graduated by Indiana STC.



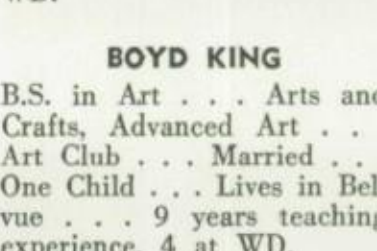
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B.Ed., M.Ed. . . . Latin, Speech, Academic English . . . National Honor Society . . . English Dept. Head . . . Lives in Etna . . . 18 years teaching experience, 14 at WD.



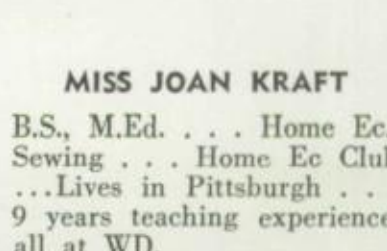
WILLIAM KERNAN

B.S. . . . Wood Shop . . . Hall Patrol, Stage Crew . . . Shop Clubs . . . Lives in Shaler . . . 8 years teaching experience, 6 at WD.



BOYD KING

B.S. in Art . . . Arts and Crafts, Advanced Art . . . Art Club . . . Married . . . One Child . . . Lives in Bellevue . . . 9 years teaching experience, 4 at WD.



MISS JOAN KRAFT

B.S., M.Ed. . . . Home Ec., Sewing . . . Home Ec Club . . . Lives in Pittsburgh . . . 9 years teaching experience, all at WD.





MISS CHRISTINE LAMBERT

B.A., M.Ed. . . . Librarian
...Future Nurses, Library
Assistants . . . Lives in Bak-
erstown . . . 30 years teach-
ing experience, 28 in WD.



DAVID LAYRICH

B.S. . . . Shorthand, Speech,
Reading . . . Student News-
paper, 8th Grade Sponsor
...Lives in Russellton . . .
Completed his first full year
of teaching.



JAMES MARSILI

B.S., M.Ed. . . . History . . .
Head Basketball Coach, Var-
sity Club . . . Married . . .
5 children . . . Lives in Rus-
sellton . . . 13 years teaching
experience, all at WD.



ALBERT MAURONI

B.S. in Music . . . Instru-
mental Music . . . Band,
Dance Band, Majorettes . . .
Lives in Arnold . . . 9 years
teaching experience, 6 at
WD.



MRS. MARY MOLNAR

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Algebra . . . Married . . . 2
children . . . Lives at Starr
Road . . . 3 years teaching
experience, 1 at WD.



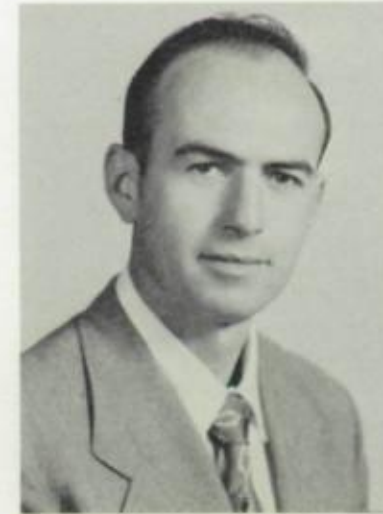
CLARENCE MONNIER

B.S., M. Litt . . . Chemistry,
Physics . . . Science Dept.
Head . . . Audio Visual
Dept. Head, Youth for Christ
...Married . . . 2 children
...Lives in Culmerville . . .
24 years teaching experience,
all at WD.



JOHN PIAZZA

B.A. . . . History, Social
Studies . . . Married . . .
Lives in Curtisville . . . 10
years teaching experience, all
at WD.



WILLIAM POWERS

B.Ed., M.Ed. . . . Civics,
P.O.D. . . . PSEA President
...Married . . . 5 children
...Lives in Pittsburgh . . .
14 years teaching experience,
all at WD.



ON CALL — Three of West
Deer's ace substitute teach-
ers, Mrs. Bassett, Mrs. Grif-
fith, and Mrs. Ekas, scan
schedules of the teachers
they are to replace for the
day. Sub teachers must have
a unique devotion to the
teaching field since they may
be called out to work any
morning with only a few min-
utes' notice. They must be
able to handle any class from
academic English to physical
education.



CONFAB OF THE BRASS — Taking a moment for a little chat before the meeting gets underway are the four teachers who are serving as officers of the West Deer Branch PSEA. From left, seated, are Miss Jarema, secretary, and Mr. Powers, president. Standing, Mr. DeFazio, vice-president, and Mr. Sipes, treasurer.



**MRS. S. MARIOTTI
RADOVITCH**

B.Ed. . . . Bookkeeping,
J.B.T., Typing . . . Intramur-
als . . . Married . . . Lives
in Springdale . . . 9 years
teaching experience, 8 at
WD.



JOSEPH SALVATORE

B.S. . . . Music, Chorus . . .
Married . . . Lives in New
Kensington . . . 6 years
teaching experience, 4 at
WD.



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Ed., Reading . . . Sports Club,
Jr. High Football, J.V. Bas-
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years teaching experience, all
at WD.



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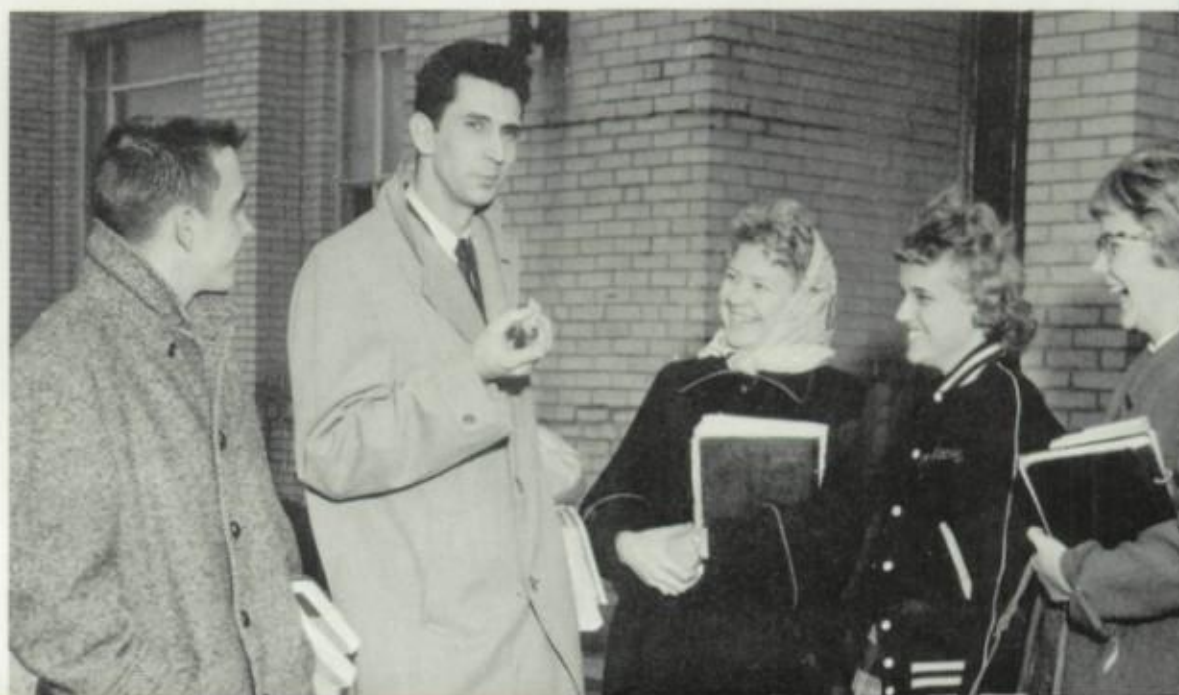
B.A., M.A. . . . Typing . . .
Business Dept. Head . . .
Senior Class Sponsor . . .
Married . . . Lives in Sharps-
burg . . . 13 years teaching
experience, all at WD.



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dent Congress . . . Married
...Lives in Shadyside, Pitts-
burgh . . . 11 years teaching
experience, all at WD.

WELL, IT'S THIS WAY — "The prom this year is going to be a 'really big show' at the Hilton or . . . on second thought let's have it on a train," quips Mr. Utzig, who put in a real hard-working year as junior class sponsor. Respected and admired by all, especially the juniors, he was constantly found in the midst of a crowd of students as above with Jack Capello, Judy Grden, Anna Marie Papriska, and Jane Pierce. Many of his imaginative and enthusiastic ideas inspired the class in a successful auction, a foreign exchange student plan, a post-prom party and picnic. Aside from these demanding projects, he teaches history with equal vim and vigor.





GEORGE SIPES

B.S., M.Ed. . . . Unified Studies, Reading, Family Living . . . Chess Club . . . PSEA Treasurer . . . Married . . . Lives in Aspinwall . . . 15 years teaching experience, all at WD.



JOSEPH UNITES

B.S. . . . Drivers' Education . . . Married . . . 3 children . . . Lives in New Kensington . . . 12 years teaching experience, all at WD.



WILLIAM UTZIG

B.S. . . . Social Studies, History . . . Junior Class Sponsor . . . Lives in Russellton . . . 4 years teaching experience, all at WD.



MICKEY VITKAY

B.S. . . . Science . . . Science Club . . . Married . . . 2 children . . . Lives in Baird-ford . . . 6 years teaching experience, 3 at WD.



DAVID WHARTENBY

B.S. . . . Unified Studies . . . Sports Club . . . Assistant Football Coach . . . Married . . . Lives in Blawnox . . . 6 years teaching experience, all at WD.



MRS. KATHERINE WILLIAMS

B.A., B.Mus. . . . Speech, Reading . . . Language Club, Book Club . . . Married . . . 2 children, 1 grandchild . . . Lives in Glenshaw . . . 9 years teaching experience, 4 at WD.



MRS. ANNABELLE YELOUSHAN

R.N., School Nursing Cert. . . . Married . . . 1 child . . . Lives in Indianola . . . Has been WD School District nurse for 8 years.



LEO ZILLA

B.A., M.Ed. . . . Civics, Physical Ed. . . . Intramurals . . . Married . . . 3 children . . . Lives in East Union Area . . . 13 years teaching experience, 12 at WD.

ATTENDANCE CHIEF — Several students, Stan Brudney, Vince Ferraiuolo, and Ted Wells do some fast talking before a discerning Mr. Antonelli in the attendance office. "Coach," as he is affectionately tabbed by students, is probably the busiest man on the WD scene since he assumed the attendance position. With those duties Mr. Antonelli also inherited such additional titles as chairman of activities and assemblies, Student Council sponsor, (magazine drive and Tiny Tim food campaign), included in addition to his long time post of Athletic Director. In the evenings, if he's not working on his part-time job, he can be found working for community betterment as a member of the township zoning board.





SECRETARIES CELEBRATE — The upstairs office was the scene of a surprise party early in September. The honorees were Mrs. Marion Pussic, who was leaving her job as high school secretary, and Mrs. Mabel Angeloni, who was taking over the position. From left are Marcella Broglia, Miss Louise Mennow, Mrs. Pussic, and Mrs. Angeloni. The event was repeated again near the end of the school term, but this time it was Mrs. Pussic who returned to her former office position and Mrs. Angeloni who departed.



BACK ON THE JOB — Everyone was happy to see Mrs. Angeloni back on the job as high school secretary this year. After serving as a school secretary for eight years, Mrs. Angeloni had given up her job last term. However, she returned to the busy West Deer High scene when Mrs. Pussic left and again was commended by all for her ability and office organization.

Ex-Secretaries Create Office Force Big News

In the world of West Deer High School secretaries, it was the ex-secretaries who made the news in 1959-60.

First it was Mrs. Anne Vasilcik Klukaszewski who resigned her position in June as head secretary in the superintendent's office. In August she and her husband became the proud parents of a baby daughter.

Then in September, Mrs. Marion Schiberl Pussic gave up her job as secretary to the principal in the fast and furious downstairs high school office. Three months later, in December, the Pussics also gave birth to a future West Deer High cheerleader.

Taking over as head secretary in the superintendent's office was Miss Louise Mennow after only a year's experience as an assistant. Her ability on the job and her cordial ways were soon acclaimed by all at West Deer.

Hired as an assistant was a top member of the Class of '59, Miss Marcella Broglia. She too learned the ropes quickly and became a valuable asset to the West Deer staff.

Replacement for Mrs. Pussic turned out to be a veteran member of the office force, Mrs. Mabel Angeloni. Mrs. Angeloni had resigned from her post as head secretary the year previous. However, after a few months she came back to take over the reigns of the busy high school office.

In April, Mrs. Pussic returned to West Deer and resumed her work as high school secretary.

THE BOSS'S GIRLS (Below) — Handling the many responsibilities of the superintendent's office were Miss Marcella Broglia and Miss Louise Mennow. These responsibilities ranged all the way from computing the huge monthly payroll to preparing the countless state and local forms. Miss Mennow completed her second year in the important post, while Miss Broglia, a graduate of the Class of '59, marked her first as the assistant secretary.



Strenuous Year Put In By Maintenance Crew

New equipment to be tended to, the worst weather in many years, and a tight spending budget all teamed up to make it a rather strenuous year for the maintenance staff and bus drivers of West Deer.

The faithful and expert work put in by these members of the West Deer staff directly contributed to the efficiency of education at West Deer High School. No wonder everyone is proud of them all.



HEAT'S UP—Bill Graham, left, and George Skillen, two top maintenance men at West Deer High, check over controls of the new gas furnaces installed this term. In the previous 17 years, janitors had to hand feed coal furnaces here. The changeover resulted in a comfortable, more sanitary high school.



COFFEE BREAK—Don Simonetti, a new addition to the West Deer High maintenance crew this year, joins evening janitresses in a quick coffee break. Although some students don't realize it, the sparkling school interior they find awaiting them each morning is the result of hard, diligent work on the part of the evening janitresses. They are, from left, Mrs. Burdek, Mrs. Vucetic, Mrs. Bucci, and Mrs. Henry.



CAPABLE SUPERVISOR—The responsibilities involved in seeing that facilities in all four district schools are in tip-top working order lie in the hands of Elmer Reed, maintenance supervisor, and his small but thorough staff. Mr. Reed can be seen working many hours on his own time to see that all is functioning well.



BUS DRIVERS—West Deer's reliable bus drivers really had a workout this year in the winter weather termed as the worst in ten years. The drivers are, from left, Mr. D'Amico, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Norris, Mr. Gray, Mr. Gromika, Mr. Tipe, Mr. Christy, and Mr. Jura. Missing from the picture are Mr. Trevellini and Mr. Angeloff.



ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET—Making certain that 2,200 students in West Deer Twp. get to and from school safely and on time each day is the main interest of Alfred Ekas, West Deer's transportation supervisor. An extremely conscientious worker and leader, Mr. Ekas has always carried out his duties in a meritorious manner.

72,000 Servings a Year!...

Cafeteria Again Ranks High

The hands of the clock are approaching THAT TIME. It's becoming increasingly difficult to concentrate on lessons. A bell rings and the class is off to the cafeteria! Another of the three 30-minute lunch periods has begun.

Before the three meal periods conclude, 420 students will have purchased the 30-cent, nutritionally balanced meal . . . and all will have returned to their classes, rarin' to continue the day's activities now that their appetites have been satisfied.

West Deer students do have hearty appetites; it would take one cow 386 working days to produce the 17,000 half-pint containers of milk consumed monthly in the cafeteria. During the 180-day school term, Mrs. Edna Mae Corbett, food supervisor, and her staff of seven are responsible for a grand total of 72,000 individual servings.

Mrs. Stella Fedison and Mrs. Theresa Mahnick are the "deans" of the cafeteria staff which includes Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Chaballa, Mrs. Cherubini, Mrs. Tomiczek, Mrs. Vidic, and Mrs. Simonetti.

Mrs. Corbett came to West Deer three years ago, after 11 years in school cafeteria work.

Menu-planning is done a month in advance. From the state set Type-A plan, consisting of two ounces of protein, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of vegetables or fruit, one slice of bread, two teaspoons of butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of white milk, a wide variety of nutritionally balanced meals are prepared. If purchased outside school, these same meals would cost almost a dollar.

Consistently high state ratings verify the fact that since its installation in 1955-56, the cafeteria has continued to meet the school's needs in excellent fashion.



HER DOMAINS — On the shoulders of Mrs. Corbett rest the responsibilities of planning and providing Class "A" type of lunches for the hearty appetites of West Deer students. Mrs. Corbett has been food supervisor here for the last three years. She also supervises preparation and planning of daily meals at the Curtisville School.

CAFETERIA WORKERS — Just before serving up a delicious holiday meal, the cafeteria workers take a moment to smile for the COALACRA cameraman. From left are Mrs. Chaballa, Mrs. Simonetti, Mrs. Tomiczek, Mrs. Mahnick, Mrs. Vidic, Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Kranker, Mrs. Grunden, Mrs. Cherubini, Mrs. Fedison, and Mrs. Baker.



In Ratings



ONE DOWN TWO TO GO! — Champion submarine sandwich eater at West Deer High seems to be Kim Stevenson. Here he shows his championship form by putting away two at once. "Sub sandwiches" are always a student favorite.

EAGER EATERS — Two forks are better than one when it comes to devouring the delicious Christmas dinner. At least Joe Grill and Russ Grimes, two of West Deer's more healthy specimens, attempt it, as Joe Paskorz, Ron Mennow, and Ken Hunter look on enviously.



LOOKS GREAT (Bottom) — Fit for a king is the turkey being given final touches before making its debut to West Deer students. Giving smiling approval of their kitchen masterpiece are Mrs. DeMartini, Mrs. Vidic, and Mrs. Chaballa.

MIGHTY GOOD! (Above) — Dave McMaster seems to enjoy testing the "home-made" pumpkin pie served at the annual Thanksgiving dinner. Giving Dave an assist are Karen Balog and Bob Rowe, while Mrs. Baker dishes it out.





You Were There...



STUDENT BODY



Intellect, Leadership Prevail



SUMMIT MEETING — Class officers Dee Charney, treasurer; Audrey Evanega, secretary; Leah Bryan, vice-president; and Stan Brudney, president, along with class sponsor Mrs. Schuster, gather to make preparations for one of the numerous class events held during the year.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY — Receiving the honor of being selected to the National Honor Society were, *seated*, Bill Capello, Joe Halovanic, John Uchic, Arlene Zonarich. *Standing*, Dick Grandy, Pat Stanish, Bob Kirsch, Joe Yourish, Dennis Makuta, Barb Burdek, Leah Bryan, Sandy Massimino.

In Class of '60

It's been said that even back in first grade future officers of the Class of '60 were already supervising recess activities, and the future honor students were juggling encyclopedias while the others struggled with Dick and Jane stories. Well, maybe those are tales, but this is fact—the Class of 1960 demonstrated an extremely high level of leadership and a better than average scholastic ability.

The academic talent reached a summit never before attained when two class members, Richard Grandy and Sandy Massimino, were admitted to the University of Pittsburgh after completing their junior year in high school. Sandy and Dick were among the 13 chosen out of 130 in the county who qualified. The two West Deer mathematics majors upheld even the highest expectation by zooming through their freshman college year with high honor grades. It was a phenomenal scholastic triumph for the two scholars, for the class, and for West Deer High School.

Joe Halovanic ranked as top student in the Class of '60. He and the other three top ranking students, Bill Capello, John Uchic, and Pat Stanish, tackled every difficult course the scientific bloc of study offered. Becoming a member of National Honor Society is another scholastic prize. Accepted in their junior year, an exceptionally superior honor, were Grandy, Massimino, Capello, Halovanic, Uchic, and Zonarich.

Class officers Stan Brudney, Leah Bryan, Dee Charney, and Audrey Evanega had a whale of a job. Their handling of all the complex senior year affairs determined whether the class would be remembered as the one that soared or the one that sunk. As one affair after another was chalked off in successful fashion, it became apparent that this wasn't an earthbound class — especially with a live-wire, dedicated sponsor like Mrs. Schuster.



BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD — Sandy Massimino and Dick Grandy brought fame to themselves and to their Alma Mater this year by achieving phenomenal academic success in the University of Pittsburgh early admittance program. They went directly to their freshman college year after 11th grade in high school. Both completed their first year at Pitt with high honor grades.

TOP SCHOLARS — Leading the Class of '60 scholastically were these high honor students. From left, Sandy Massimino, Richard Grandy, Joseph Halovanic, William Capello, John Uchic, Patricia Stanish.





Donna J. Allen



George A. Angeloff



Andrew P. Antoninka



Maureen J. Atkinson

Barbara Burdek Writes Lyrics For Class Song

The much-sought honor of being the writer of the official class song this year went to Barbara Burdek. Written to the tune of "The Last Time I Saw Paris," the song made its debut at the Senior Dinner Dance and became a part of every senior function thereafter. Graduation marked the song's final appearance, after which it became a high school memory, something nostalgic to be carefully preserved throughout the years.

THE LAST TIME I SAW WEST DEER (Lyrics by Barbara Burdek)

VERSE I:

These last days here at West Deer bring memories from the past.
How happy were those football games, oh how we wished they'd last.
Our bowling parties showed fine skill, the scores that gave us fame.
The rhythm of those bouncing pins with each and every game.
Among these walls so stately, hide joys and heartaches, too.
The gaiety of Senior days, such happy times were true.
Yes, thank you, Alma Mater,
You've helped make us succeed.
The blessings you've bestowed on us are free from want and need.

VERSE II:

That last time we saw West Deer her heart was warm and gay.
We heard the laughter of her heart in every kind of way.
We passed the same old lockers, which we had passed for years.
The rhythm of their noisy clank was music to our ears.
The last time we saw West Deer her rooms were dressed for spring.
Although we wished to start again, we knew what May would bring.
The last time we saw West Deer her heart was warm and gay.
No matter how they change her we'll remember her that way.

SENIOR CLASS MOTTO

"Success Through Diligence and Faith in God"

CLASS COLORS

Orchid and White

CLASS FLOWER

White Carnation



James D. Barnett



Theodore A. Barsolo



Robert R. Beitko



Peter R. Biagi



Marie Bibri



Edward Biehl



Rosalind L. Bongiovanni



Donald H. Bonin

DESIGNING SCHOLARSHIP — Shirley Fuhrer's ability in making and designing her own clothes plus her scholastic record enabled her to receive a \$750 scholarship to Clarissa's Dress Designing School in Pittsburgh.



Who's Who in Class of '60

ANDY ANTONINKA... Metal Shop Club secretary-treasurer

MAUREEN ATKINSON... Future Nurses president

STAN BRUDNEY... Class president, Varsity Club vice-president, Student Congress president, Canteen vice-president

LEAH BRYAN... Class vice-president, FTA vice-president, Canteen secretary, *Antler* editor

BILL CAPELLO... Varsity Club president, Hall Patrol president, National Honor Society secretary, Canteen treasurer

DIANA CHARNEY... Class treasurer, Future Teachers historian, *Antler* business manager

BESSIE CRAIG... Future Nurses treasurer

AUDREY EVANEGA... Head cheerleader, Class secretary

SHIRLEY FUHRER... French Club secretary-treasurer

GREG GEORGIEFF... French Club president

JOE HALOVANIC... National Honor Society vice-president

CHRIS HODGES... French Club vice-president

PAT MAKUTA... Yearbook editor

CARL POTENSKY... Varsity Club secretary

RON SABATINI... Art Club secretary

KATHY SCOTT... Head majorette

DAISIE SKIDMORE... Home Ec Club president

JOHN UCHIC... National Honor Society president

ARLENE ZONARICH... National Honor Society treasurer, COALAGRA business manager, band president, Future Teachers president



Arthur A. Broge



Charles W. Brown



Stanley E. Brudney



Leah L. Bryan



Frank D. Buchanich



Barbara A. Burdek



William N. Capello



Diana L. Charney



Anthony Busin



Anthony C. Buydoso



Cecilia D. Cheskey



John P. Clifford

Many Class Members Kept Busy on Part-Time Jobs

According to script, the typical senior is supposed to say something like this, "But Dad, I just gotta' get an advance on my allowance for invitations, pictures, name cards, the S & S, the Dinner Dance, the Prom . . ."

However, at least 34 ambitious West Deer seniors shouldered some responsibility on their own in this phase of school life by getting a part-time job and earning their own money.

In many cases the jobs kept each individual stepping and allowed little time for idleness.

JOE GIZIENSKI, putting in a better than 40-hour week at a bottling plant, was probably the class working champ. RON JOSEFCZYK worked as grill boy at Eat & Park; JOE RIEG at Dineff's Bakery.

LEAH BRYAN kept busy with the Valley Daily News and Woolworth's. TONY BUSIN guided prospective customers through Busin's famed Second-Hand Store. BARB LEKSE handled secretarial duties for her father.

Some rugged senior boys preferred out-door jobs: ANDY ANTONINKA, Hoburg Farm; TONY BUYDOSO, Pitt-Wildwood Country Club; LEON LAWRENCE, Michael Bros.; JOHN PELCZARSKI, dog kennel trainer; RON McADAMS, Kallot Bros.; JIM GROTTENTHALER, Freedman's Lumber; CHARLIE BROWN, newspaper distributor; JOE YOURISH, newspaper carrier.

BOB BEITKO, car wash; RAY PIERANUNZI, Cat-anese Garage; JACK THOMAS, service station; JERRY

KEMMAN, Plucinski's Garage; FRANK MATKO, Ray's Auto Body.

DAN GRASS, BOB PROCO, and RON GARDA put their musical ability to work with various instrumental combos.

In the ranks of working girls were JANET RUSNAK, household assistant and telephone solicitor, and ELAINE MATZE, Star Cheese Factory.

Sales work was done by VIC MENNOW, Palmer's Drug Store; GEORGE ANGELOFF, Skuratoff's General Store; JOE YOURISH, Bessemer Store; and GREG GEORGIEFF, bakery deliveries.

To help finance his college education, BOB KIRSCH raised chickens and sold eggs. Zocki's Mushroom Farm employed the largest number of seniors. Among those were RAY PIERANUNZI, MARTY STOPCHUCK, DICK SIMONETTI, LEON LAWRENCE, BOB LAWRENCE, FRANK BUCHANICH, and DON BONIN.



MAN WITH DOUGH — Mrs. Angeloni gets service with a smile from Greg Georgieff, one of the many seniors who worked part-time to help with their high school and future college expenses.



SWEETHEART OF THE CLASS OF '60 — Senior sponsor Mrs. Schuster and "Killer" Sabatini draw an admiring crowd as they cut loose with some fancy rock-n-roll steps at the S & S. So well liked was Mrs. Schuster by the class that they termed her "Sweetheart of the Class of '60." In fact, the entire school has fallen under the spell of the energetic and hard-working business dept. head teacher. WD has come to the conclusion that she has found the fountain of youth; she simply gets younger and more endearing as the years go by.



Shirley M. DeMartini



Madeline DeVando



Audrey J. Evanega



Charlene L. Eversole



David Cowfer



Ethel M. Cowfer



Bessie E. Craig



Helen A. Dawson

SWEET-VOICED SOPRANO — For four years Marie Bibri has stood out as "The Voice" in musical productions at West Deer High School. Marie plans to continue her vocal training after graduation.





Loretta J. Eversole



Vincent J. Ferraiuolo



Darlene A. Fryer



Shirley A. Fuhrer

COMMERCIAL GIRL OF THE MONTH — Selected as West Deer's top commercial student, Barbara Burdek was the honored guest at a banquet sponsored by the Women's Professional and Business Club of Tarentum.



Seniors Become Leaders In School Activities

Members of the senior class were the sparkplugs responsible for adding zip to the school's extra-curricular activities. The following seniors listed participation in the respective clubs:

FRENCH CLUB — Terry Wienskovich, Frank Matko, Joe Yourish, Maureen Atkinson, Lou Kirchner, Leon Lawrence, Greg Georgieff, Larry McAdams, Bessie Craig, Joyce Romack, Bill Capello, Den Makuta, Stan Brudney, Gordon Irvine, Linda Bongiovanni, Barb Kaminsky, Chris Hodges, Leah Bryan, Ethel Cowfer, Tony Busin, Barb Lekse, Dee Charney, Joe Halovanic, Carl Potensky, Dot Kochnut, Betty Martin.

HOME-EC CLUB — Daisie Skidmore, Mabel Schroth, Barb Burdek, Jan Rusnak, Linda Bongiovanni, Barb Kaminsky, Audrey Evanega, Donna Allen, Betty Tibensky, Dot Kochnut, Arlene Zonarich, Diane Schwartz, Gloria Skillen, Madeline DeVando.

ART CLUB — Ethel Cowfer, Ron Sabatini, Tony Buydoso, Charlotte Linamen.

SCIENCE CLUB — Art Broge, Bill Capello, Den Makuta, Bill Gray, Barb Kaminsky, Ron McAdams, Greg Georgieff, Chris Hodges, Steve McMaster, Andy Antoninka, George Angeloff, Carl Potensky, Joe Halovanic, Pat Stanish, John Uchic, Chuck Brown, Tony Buydoso, Tony Vioral.

STUDENT CONGRESS — Lou Kirchner, Elaine Matze, Jack Thomas, Stan Brudney, Theresa Malic, Dee Charney, Bill Gray, Joe Halovanic, Eileen Pierce, Frank Buchanich.

FUTURE NURSES — Bessie Craig, Elaine Matze, Barb Burdek, Theresa Miller, Ethel Cowfer, Helen Dawson, Jan Swanhart, Maureen Atkinson.

FUTURE TEACHERS — Leah Bryan, Linda Bongiovanni, Theresa Malic, Dee Charney, Arlene Zonarich, Fran Graham, Charlotte Linamen, Helen Dawson, Andy Antoninka.



Ronald Garda



Gregory Georgieff



Joseph D. Gizienski



Frances Graham



Richard Grandy



Daniel F. Grass



MOST ATTRACTIVE — West Deer's own Linda Bongiovanni, left, received a unique honor for her personality and charm by being chosen as the Tri-State girl who most resembles Abbe Lane. Miss Lane, popular dancer and Hollywood screen star, is the wife of Xavier Cugat, internationally famous orchestra leader. Linda received a bevy of prizes and a modeling school scholarship, presented personally by Mr. and Mrs. Cugat during ceremonies held in the New Arena Supper Club, Pittsburgh.



William J. Gray



James Grottenthaler

31 Class Members Excel In Musical Activities

The names of at least 31 members of the Class of '60 will be inscribed in the annals of the music department.

Come next season, gone will be talented BILL HARTMAN, DAN GRASS, HELEN DAWSON, JOE MAKUTA, and ARLENE ZONARICH, of the brass section of the band. Drummer BOB PROCO ends his long career with the "Marching Braves."

Missing via graduation will be CHARLOTTE LINAMEN, official band announcer; BESSIE CRAIG and DEE CHARNEY, band managers and banner bearers; KATHY SCOTT, LEAH BRYAN, and BEV LONDON, majorettes; and JOE YOURISH and ELAINE MATZE, the traditional Indian Chief and Princess of the "Marching Braves" band.

A loss to West Deer but a gain for the world will be the voice of MARIE BIBRI, the school's thrilling soprano vocalist. Other senior chorus members were DEE CHARNEY, MAUREEN ATKINSON, LINDA BONGIOVANNI, DIANE CHESKEY, ETHEL COWFER, MADELINE DEVANDO, CHARLENE EVERSOLE, DARLENE FRYER, SHIRLEY FUHRER, BARB KAMINSKY, ELAINE MATZE, JOYCE ROMACK, AGNES SEMLER, DAISIE SKIDMORE, GLORIA SKILLEN, and JAN SWANHART.



Joseph C. Halovanic



William G. Hartman



Christ Hodges



George Hollibaugh

It Was Long Ago;

My, it seems it happened a long time ago, but do you remember way back when:

In grade school, GREG GEORGIEFF, dressed in a cowboy suit with full regalia, strummed his banjo and yodled "Home on the Range" . . . A curious SHIRLEY FUHRER bent over a little too far and fell into the coal bin of Bairdford School . . . HELEN DAWSON was one of the Culmerville School schemers who claimed they had earaches so they would be allowed to stand by the furnace during the cold, winter days . . . Champion paste eater of third grade, FRANK BUCHANICH, really had the whole school in an uproar the day in third grade when he tied so many knots into his jacket hood that they couldn't be untied. He had to wear his hood in school throughout the remainder of the day.

Remember when little third grade girls dreaded rainy days because it meant FRANK MATKO would dig up fishing worms and dangle the slimy creatures before them . . . DELORES "Itchy Fingers" PUSKARICH cut BARB LESKE'S hair, but Barb got the blame and was paddled for having hair strewn all over the floor . . . When a newcomer to Russellton School in sixth grade, pretty DIANE CHESKEY had all the boys in a daze and vying for her favor; GREG GEORGIEFF even offered her his entire charm collection.

Remember when ARLENE ZONARICH'S pigtails began turning a permanent bluish-black from being dunked in the inkwell so often . . . JOE MAKUTA led the Curtisville sandhogs, GEORGE ANGELOFF, CHRIS



John G. Irvine



Ronald S. Josefczyk



Barbara J. Kaminsky



Gerald F. Kemman

SCIENCE WHIZ—Bob Kirsch brought fame to the West Deer Science Dept. with his impressive appearance on the WQED television program, School Science Experts Quiz. Bob rated a high second place in the competition. However, his dramatic techniques while answering the questions earned him a "first" with the television program producer.



Louis J. Kirchner



Robert J. Kirsch



Dorothy F. Kochnut



Leon H. Lawrence

Remember When...

HODGES, RON MOHAR, and DEN MAKUTA in digging underneath the first grade school building . . . CHARLOTTE LINAMEN won a prize in the fourth grade talent show for her imitation of a girl chewing peanut brittle . . . LEON LAWRENCE couldn't bear to be kissed by Miss Cox in fifth grade . . . Frightened by thunderstorms, JOYCE ROMACK would rush home at the first sign of rain with the grade school teacher in hot pursuit.

Freshmen JANET RUSNAK and AUDREY EVAN-EGA fought over the privilege of sewing Mr. Schultz' loose coat button . . . TOM MAWHINNEY refused to read for the first grade teacher, maintaining he had already read once and that was enough for anyone . . . TONY BUSIN handcuffed little KENNY VORP to one of the hooks in the sixth graders' cloakroom and then couldn't get the cuffs loose . . . Businesslike BILL CAPELLO wrote a note to his fourth grade sweetheart, telling her to indicate whether or not she liked him by circling either the "yes" or "no" on his note . . .

Remember when LORETTA EVERSOLE was the champion girl marble player at Bairdford School . . . PUNK STOPCHUCK gave FRAN GRAHAM an "engagement ring" in third grade . . .

Remember when KATHY SCOTT wore a pair of boy's shoes at Bairdford School because someone hid her own shoes . . . CARL POTENSKY used to be "bat boy" for the Legion baseball team . . . BILL HARTMAN was Professor Knieff, moustache and all, in the sixth grade operetta.



Dennis J. Makuta



Joseph E. Makuta



Theresa A. Malic



Elizabeth L. Martin



Robert L. Lawrence



Barbara A. Lekse



Charlotte A. Linamen



Beverly J. London

ALL-AROUND CHAMP — One of the stand-outs in the senior class was popular Den Makuta, this year's winner of Tom McAn scholarship certificate. Den also received commendations for achieving the highest math scores in competition with his fellow advanced math students.





Sandra Massimino



Francis E. Matko



Elaine M. Matze



Thomas E. Mawhinney

OUR BUDDY — One of the favorite senior teachers for many years has been Mrs. Cunningham, math dept. head. During the Christmas season the advanced math students showed their appreciation to Mrs. Cunningham by rewarding her with a yule room decoration. From left are Den Makuta, Lou Kirchner, Stan Brudney, Joe Halovanic, John Uchic, Bill Capello, and Art Broge. Making the presentation is Pat Stanish, the lone female member of the class.



FIRST IN EVERYTHING — The senior class was first in scholastic ability, first in leadership, first in fun — and first to leave school at the end of the day as Marty Stopchuck, Barb Kaminsky, Ron Sabatini, Bessie Craig, Elaine Matze, Joe Makuta, and Vic Mennow illustrate. It is doubtful whether the class of '60 was the first to arrive in the morning, however!



Lawrence A. McAdams



Ronald K. McAdams



Howard McDonald



Steven W. McMaster



Victor Mennow



Theresa A. Miller



Ronald A. Mohar



Stanley J. Paszek

TWO BEAUTIES MEET — Mrs. John Kennedy, wife of Senator John Kennedy, greeted Pat Stanish, West Deer senior, during a "junior press conference" held for high school students at the Hotel Hilton, Pittsburgh. It turned out to be a very informative and thrilling day for the students who took part in the conference. They were able to meet and talk to Senator Kennedy, campaigning for the presidential nomination at the time.



STRANGERS! — Mr. Antonelli, attendance chief, seems a bit puzzled as he talks to these seniors whom he rarely sees in his office. They all accomplished a major feat — a full year or more without missing a day of school. Standing, from left, are Bev London, Barbara Burdek, Tony Vioral, John Pelczarski, Jerry Kemman, and Elaine Matze. Seated is Theresa Miller. Best senior attendance record of all was accomplished by Bev London who went five years without missing a day of school.



John Pelczarski



John Pernick



Raymond A. Pieranunzi



Dorothy E. Pierce



"YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT!" — chides Ron Mohar, right, as Den Makuta gets measured for a graduation gown by Mr. Monnier, West Deer's traditional graduation-gown-measure-upper!



Gerald L. Porter



Carl A. Potensky



Robert G. Proco



Delores M. Puskarich



Ronald L. Rearick



Robert D. Reid



Joseph N. Rieg



Joyce L. Romack

We Won't Forget

Any member of the Class of '60 will probably remember some of these things as he recalls the fascinating 1959-60 senior year.

There were those "cotton pickin" RESEARCH PAPERS that no one took seriously until a few days before deadline. It was a toss-up between typing it all on the last night or missing a day of school. Those who "skipped" school had to face a skeptical attendance officer who never quite believed that some strange disease attacked 90 per cent of the seniors on "R-P Day" (Research Paper Day)!

There was the slightly hilarious DINNER-DANCE date disagreement that made the Martin-McCoy Feud look like a family reunion. Class officers met with opposition when they attempted to move the date from March 15 to March 3. Dinner chairman BILL "THE CZAR" CAPELLO set the date for April 20. "Fine choice," agreed Capello supporters. "Absolutely no," argued officer supporters now favoring a March 10 date. In a class-wide vote, March 10 won out, 51-48. Blood pressures dropped back to normal.

There were the escapades of the self-styled senior "BOARD OF FUN" whose members vowed to start and end each day with a smile. Members included President JERRY KEMMAN, JIM BARNETT, TONY BUSIN, JOHN PELCZARSKI, BOB PROCO, LARRY McADAMS. Some of their "laughable" antics included wearing earmuffs to class, pasting contemporary faces on the famous paintings in Room 10, putting footprints on ceilings, haming up rock-n-roll steps, and various asundry other cut-ups!



Janet D. Rusnak



Ronald P. Sabatini



Albert C. Schreckengost



Mabel I. Schroth

That Senior Year

There was the time a basketball game here almost had to be called off because someone hid a SKUNK in the gym. (Board of Fun swore under oath it wasn't one of its doing, although President Kemman admitted it was "following club principles.")

There were those unbelievable things that happened at the dinner dance — MISS JAREMA and MISS LAMBERT doing the "mash potatoes" and MR. BURNS rock-n-rolling! And how about the senior gals who doffed their expensive high heels and danced all night without shoes!

There were times when commercial students like EILEEN PIERCE and JANET RUSNAK felt it just wasn't their day, as the time their 75-letter file boxes went crashing to the floor. It was either re-filing the letters or jumping out the second story window. But MR. CURCIO kept the window closed.

There were others — BARB KAMINSKY'S inability to stop laughing during a tango routine with "KILLER" SABATINI . . . the unique cafeteria DINER'S CLUB with its own table membership cards, regulations . . . the betting on attendance slips . . . BOB KIRSCH'S "darns, hecks, phooeys" when he failed to come up with an answer in class . . . Remember how delicate females trembled and squealed the day TETANUS shots were given? These were the same gals who could sit through a blood-soaked horror picture without one goose-pimple.

The senior year . . . 1959-60 . . . and YOU WERE THERE.



THE CHAMPS — Following the much enjoyed senior bowling party, prizes were presented during "official ceremonies." The winners were, from left, Linda Bongiovanni, for outstanding ability in keeping her score the lowest; Mrs. Schuster, holder of the lucky "fixed" number; Darlene Fryer, for the wind blowing in the right direction causing her to become the highest scorer for the girls; Dave Reid, boys' high scorer because of help from the pin boys; Ron Sabatini, holder of the lucky "stolen" number; and Pete Biagi, for having the lowest score because his ball was magnetized somehow to the gutter.



Robert J. Schroth



Diane E. Schwartz



Kathleen E. Scott



Agnes R. Semler



Richard L. Simonetti



Daisy D. Skidmore



Gloria K. Skillen



Patricia A. Stanish

YAY BRAVES! — A group of seniors whoop it up at a pep meeting. Throughout the sports season, senior girls comprised the largest bloc of loyal Brave rooters.



CHUBBY L'L FELLOW! — The "Big Boy" hamburger mascot gets frisked by a group of boys from the senior "Board of F". The jovial seniors are, in front, Jim Barnett and Bob Proco. Behind them are Larry McAdams and Jerry Kemman.



Martin J. Stopchuck



Janet F. Swanhart



Jack N. Thomas



Elizabeth Tibensky



John T. Uchic



Edward R. Valenti



Connie Lawrence
(1941-1955)
... "While you, dear class-
mate, rest and sleep,
Your loving memory we'll
always keep."



Anthony T. Vioral



Kenneth L. Vorp



Terry L. Wienskovich



Joseph S. Yourish



Arlene S. Zonarich

"MIGHTY LOT OF READING" — It's fun looking back now, but all these books represent a lot of hard work accomplished by the seniors during their 12 years at West Deer. Scanning some of the more than 200 textbooks a student reads during his public school career are, from left, Tom Mawhinney, Bill Gray, Art Broge, and Betty Martin.





Fred Skurka
PRESIDENT



Ed Mialky
VICE-PRESIDENT



Ellen Wetzel
SECRETARY



Joan DeKleva
TREASURER

Class of 1961--The Juniors

CLASS MOTTO:

With God to light our way we are bound to succeed.

CLASS FLOWER: *White Rose*

CLASS COLORS: *Lilac and White*



Bob Adams



Kay Altman



Bernadine Ballas



Dian Bassett



Carol Bonovitz



Ida Brick



John Bucci



Ruth Burns



Leroy Buttyan



Jack Capello



Ron Cheran



Joe Chelpanoff



Walt Cheskey



Elaine Collier



Joan Conroy



Johanna Consolaro



Margie Costello



Ray Cushman



Len DeLuca



Joyce Edgar



Herman Dillner



Dennis Falconer Terry Feeley Joyce Ferrance Rich Field Don Freeman Don Fry Bob Fyala



Sue Gall Bud Garvin Barb Gbur Nancy George Sarah Gornick Arlene Gray Judy Grden



Barb Grebeck Jim Griffith Barb Grill Bob Grunden John Harriman Sue Hartz Vic Hemphill



Nancy Hunter Doug Hutchison Kathy Kaduk Nick Kamzalow Linda Kirby Pat Lawrence Grace Lewis



Corky Longdon Lenora Machen John Maholic Ralph Maliszewski



Nancy Mallinson Peggy Marcinko Fred Matko Bob McBride

LOOKS GOOD, DOESN'T IT? — Mrs. Victain and little Cheryl Massimino display a cake purchased at the Junior Auction. Rich Field and Fred Matko are the drooling fellas in the background.





Virginia McCall



Eileen McCorkle



Ron McCorkle



George Micklow



Mike Micklow



Norbert Miller



Fred Mohar



Joe Mondino



Rege Mull



John Murray



Ed Negley



Bill Ondich



Anna Papriska



Elaine Paskorz



Pat Pawloski



Chuck Peckham



Sam Pidhurny



Jane Pierce



Marie Plesha



Ruth Podgornik



Barb Porter



John Proco



Mary Radonovich



Bonnie Reynolds



Sally Rymer



Judy Schreckengost



Dave Seibert



Dave Setzenfand



Olga Shurina



Marsha Shustic



Rich Snyder



Bill Spondike



Nancy Stephens



Shirley Stipetic



Charlotte Stuckey



Betty Suchan



Howard Suhan



Dan Tabacchi



Loretta Tabacchi



Dick Tady



Rita Tady



Joan Thomas



Betty Trusiak

Diane Uchic

Irene Venesky

Loretta Venesky

Barb Victain

Don Vidic

Tom Vioral



Pete Vukelich

Carol Walters

Ted Wells

Len Whitecomb

Paul Wimer

Doug Wisnesky

Leroy Zalus



John Zenewicz

Ed Zrelak

Wally Andzrejewski

Ed Baumgardner

Joe Gill

Donna Malecki



Sparky Batcher

Y'ALL COME (Right) — Pint-size hotrodder Teddy Gaul joins his junior friends, Grace Lewis, Fred Matko, Ellen Wetzel, Dennis Falconer, Jack Capello, and Fred Skurka on a publicity jaunt for the auction.



SHOULD I OR SHOULDN'T I? (left) — Mr. Vidic debates a purchase while smiling salesgirls, Sarah Gornick, Carole Walters, Bernadine Ballas, Ginny McCall, and Char Stuckey attempt to influence him at the Junior Auction.



Class of 1962--The Sophomores



Augie Smarra
PRESIDENT



Lois Tomiczek
VICE-PRESIDENT



Ann Latronica
SECRETARY



Donna Barnett
TREASURER



PUTTING THE SQUEEZE ON A SENIOR—Frank Matko is caught in the middle, but seems to be enjoying it. The scene took place at the cutting of the official S & S cake at the annual Sophomore-Senior party. From left are Augie Smarra, Josie Burns, Frank Matko, Lois Tomiczek, and Linda Girdwood. The official S & S cake was baked for the third consecutive year by Mrs. Tomiczek.



Fran Adams



John Agnic



Steve Alex



Shirley Aliff



Nancy Allen



Dave Allison



Jack Allsopp



Virginia Antoninka



Ray Atkinson



Dan Aymar



Ernestine Bassetti



Barb Bennett



Ruth Bizich



Marlene Blostic



Peggy Bock



Arnold Booth



Carol Bruggeman



Joan Burdek



Josie Burns



Bill Busino



Margie Buydoso



Mary Buydoso



Evelyn Cajka



Elaine Cassol



Pat Castello



Andrea Chatary



Barb Collier



Fred Cowfer



Char Cunningham



Joel Cunningham



Sandi D'Amico



Jerry Davis



Kaye Davis Jan DeMartini Bill Dyer Cathy Ellena Jim Farrasso Joe Ferraiuolo Dave Filo Jim Fryer



Earl Fish Ruth Gedraitis Jean Gentile Martin Gentile Bob Gestrich Linda Girdwood Dee Gizienski Diane Graham



Tom Griffith Marie Guerrieri Ron Haines Ron Halovanic Joe Harriman Marie Hawksworth Blaine Hemphill Cheryl Hess



Mike Hilla Della Hoffman



Beverly Irvine Donna Johnstone



Nancy Kelly Bob Kirchner



THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS! — Margie Pivni (Left), Pat Castello, and Carol Bruggeman just couldn't believe it when a "real" Santa Claus walked into their classroom. Funny thing, though, Santa had a voice and a round belly like Mr. Marsili.



Gerri Hudon Sandy Husarik



Becky Josefczyk Joan Kanuchok



Barb Knight Bev Kratz



Tony Kotts Ron Kozik Betty Lannon Pat Kubisa Chuck Lake Donna Micklo Theresa Lamperski George Lavrich



Mike Leggens Ron Lojack Alice Marshall Arlene Marshall Regis Massack Marge McWhirter Marsha Miskevich Alan Michael



Ruth Milos Stan Moskala Dave Nagy Lanny Nary Don Newcamp Margaret Nicolazzo Chuck Novak Mike Olar



Mary Olson Elaine Oswald Jackie Owcar John Paholich Audrey Paskorz Mary Paskorz Rich Paszek Dave Phillips



Josie Pivni Margie Pivni Sandy Pollock Barry Protheroe Jean Prymak Lou Radonovich Dave Ranker Flo Rearick



Mark Reid Joann Riley Andy Ross Bob Salmon Mike Salomon Ed Schultz Doug Scopel Jan Sedmak



Betty Seibert Patty Shurina Barb Skurka Phil Skurka Patty Slenkovich Polly Slenkovich Carol Smith Fran Sobotka



Anita Sonnie Dick Sproul Ron Storoz Chester Stuckey Joy Swanhart Marlene Tabacchi Joyce Tadder Elaine Turner



Gene Valerio Joyce Valerio Carole Vorp Ron Watkins



Mary Werner Joan Wetzel Jim Zachousky Ron Micklo

PLEASE, NO MORE! — pleads Joy Swanhart as Dr. Casile serves up more at the S & S. Watching Joy suffer are, seated, Dave Phillips, Arlene Marshall, Jan Swanhart, Don Newcamp. Standing, Elaine Turner, Al Michael, Joan and Barb Burdek, Betty Martin, Agnes Semler, Shirl Fuhrer.



Class of 1963-The Freshmen



Mike Youra
PRESIDENT



Sandy Evans
VICE-PRESIDENT



Brian Kristoff
SECRETARY



Bill Manifold
TREASURER



MADAM CHAIRMAN! — Things get hot and heavy during a parliamentary procedure practice meeting held in freshman English class. Josh McCallister raps for order while Len Navarro, Barb Pawloski, John Boris, and Carol Semprevivo attempt to gain the floor. Great talkers to begin with, the freshmen always enjoyed work in oral discussion and presentation.



Steve Adams



Sam Ambrosi



Joyce Arbogast



Judy Atkinson



Harold Atkinson



Chuck Aymar



Karen Balog



Ray Baron



Leroy Beckes



Don Bobish



Marianne Boch



Joanne Boris



John Boris



Linda Broge



Dee Brinker



Tom Bryan



Susie Buchanich



Jean Bullard



Cheryl Brick



Carol Budz



Barb Burns



Jayne Bush



Bob Catherwood



Peg Chelpanoff



John Christen



Jan Cunningham



Jim Cunningham



Betty Currin



Jim Cowfer



Ed Cyphert



Jim Cyphert



Jane Dawson



Sherry Dembaugh Rich Dickson George Divelbiss Ron Duncan Ron Ellena Frank Emmel Nancy Erskine John Eversole



Margie Fleck Maxine Flynn Joyce Freeman Jan Freeman Dave Fry Louise Gezzi Rosemary Gides Helen Gillner



Rich Gilson Connie Godlewski Dave Godlewski Frank Gornick Paul Grandy Roberta Grass Len Grebeck Bev Grossick



Jack Grunden Jill Hartz Jim Holland Ed Hollo Barry Jamison Linda Johansson Dan Jones Tom Kelly



Marion Kenyon Doreen Kerr Dick Kirsch Gloria Klimezek Margie Klobuchar Tom Kosdemba Rosemary Kotts Fran Kulyn



Bonnie Lager Gloria Lassinger Ted Leggens Eileen Lekse Gary Lockerman Norm Lovic Jean Lytle Kathy Makuta



Mary Makuta Flo Maliszewski Chuck Marsiglio Jo McCallister Lee McDonald Dave McMaster John Merli Jim Miller



Joyce Monnier Ed Moro Steve Nagy Len Navarro Beth Newman Chuck Nolker Gene Novak Beatrice Olar



Mike O'Malley Donna Ordakowski Bob Paholich Nancy Papriska Bob Paszek Walt Paszek Judy Patrick Barb Pawloski



Pat Pernick Kathy Preisser Anna Mae Proco Bev Rearick John Rebrey Louise Reiber Rose Romack Bob Rowe



Ed Scopel Carol Semprevivo John Siekerski Gary Simonetti Joe Slenkovich Bill Smay Craig Stevens Jim Stewart



Nick Storoz Fred Storoz Ken Sukanovich Judy Swanhart Tom Sweeney Andrea Tipe Ron Trevellini Bob Uchie

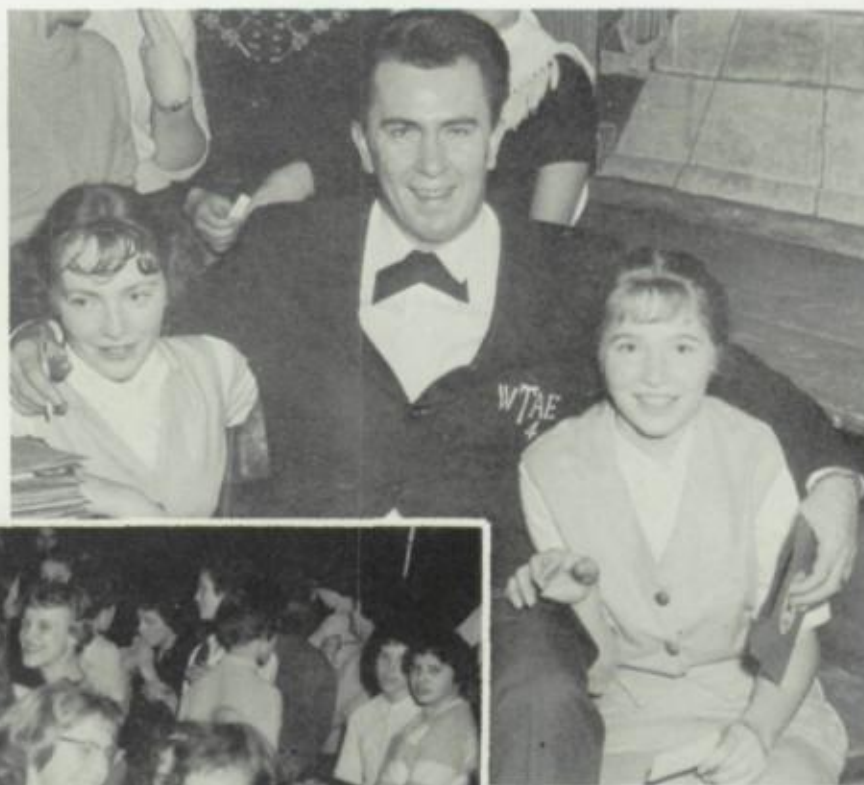


Sharon Utescher Tom Wagner Diane Waite Naomi Weaver Tom Wells Lynne White Mark Zebracki Joe Zenewicz



Fran Zonarich

OBJECT OF 9TH GRADERS' AFFECTIONS (Below) — is Mark Flannagan, of Radio Station WEEP, surrounded by an admiring throng of girls during one of the many dances held here by various school organizations. Enjoying Flannagan's fellowship are, from left, Beth Newman, Audrey Paskorz, Betsy Hohman, Judy Atkinson, Evelyn Cajka, Carol Malone, and Dory Bassett.



SEEING DOUBLE (Above) — is Jay Michael, popular D-J from TV station WTAE, who finds a couple of buddies in 9th grade twins, Jan and Joyce Freeman. The "Jaybird" was at WD for a D-J dance.



Class of 1964--The 8th Graders

Tom Aliff
 Mary Allison
 Cheryl Bartchy
 Carol Baumgartel
 Ron Bennet
 Pat Bobish
 Joyce Boch
 Henry Boch
 Cheryl Bohn
 Dave Bollenbacher
 Judy Bonovitz
 Paulette Bongiovanni
 Mike Bridgewater
 Elaine Brooks
 Tim Burke
 Tom Buttyan
 Joe Bzorek
 Rich Chambers
 Noreen Cheskey
 Janice Collier
 Sylvia Collier
 Tom Costello
 Ron Cotton
 George Cowfer
 Betty Craft
 Celia Dernas
 Bernard Dobrowski
 Don Durochia
 Nancy Dyer
 Donna Edwards
 Mike Elter
 Eugene Eversole
 Jim Eversole
 Wilma Eversole
 Dave Falconer
 Barry Fleck
 Jan Fuhrer
 Bob Garda
 Donna Garvin
 Sandy Garvin
 Nick Gbur
 Gail George
 Tom Gestrich
 Sandy Gill
 Polly Gordon
 Carol Gornick
 Joe Grill
 Russ Grimes
 Larry Guerrieri
 Lorraine Halovanic
 Rich Hazlett
 Nancy Hoffman
 Alvin Hohman
 Mike Horchar
 Carol Hudak
 Pat Hudak
 Ken Hunter
 Charlotte Jackson
 Gary Johns
 Dave Kallstrand
 Ted Kamzalow
 Virginia Kenyon
 Ann Kinniburgh
 Leda Kinsey
 Lee Kirkpatrick
 Ernie Koberlein
 Mildred Kratz
 George Kubisa
 Pat Lager
 Steve Langfitt
 Donna Latronica
 Ron Lassinger





Dennis Lindgren
 Harry Long
 Georgeann Machen
 Dan Makuta
 Carole Malone
 Earl Matko
 Kathy McBride
 Ray McCall
 Ella McHarg
 Donna McRobie
 Kathy Mellon
 Ron Mennow
 Linda Miller
 Rita Miller
 Ron Miller
 Shirley Miter
 Anna Moskala
 Cathi Murray
 Linda Nary
 Stella Nicolazzo
 Cornelia Nolker
 Mary Norris
 Eleanor Nypaver
 Ron Ostrowski
 Joe Paskorz
 Susan Peckney
 Judy Peluchetti
 Karen Peluchetti
 Barb Pencak
 Bill Perozek
 Elaine Pernick
 John Pidhurny
 Carol Pivni
 Rich Poletunow
 Fran Porter
 Virginia Proco
 Judy Puskas
 Paul Rawlins
 Jerry Rebrey
 Harry Riley
 Diane Rokoski
 Carol Schneider
 Jane Schroder
 Bonnie Setzanfand
 Polly Simonetti
 Elaine Skurka
 Joyce Skurka
 Nancy Smith
 Tom Sonnie
 Bill Springer
 Linda Stipetic
 Kim Stevenson
 Linda Studebaker
 Charles Tabacchi
 Frank Tabacchi
 Lillian Tabacchi
 Gail Thomas
 Ed Thornton
 Judy Tomaszewski
 Terry Trevellini
 Louis Truckley
 Mike Truckley
 Susan Truckley
 Pat Turner
 Albert Vagnozzi
 Bill Venesky
 Marlene Verbetic
 Shirley Vioral
 Yvonne Wells
 Kathy Wienskovich
 Rich Wenzel
 Joyce White
 Rich Wilkinson
 Dennis Zoch
 Leo Zilla

Class of 1965--The 7th Graders

Madelyn Alexander
 Tom Anderson
 Tom Ball
 James Ballas
 Veronica Balog
 Dorienn Bassett
 John Bassett
 Geogetta Baughman
 Keith Bell
 Edward Bellas
 Terry Bennett
 Bob Bizyak
 Rich Boyle
 Bruce Boody
 Al Brocious
 Barb Bridgewater
 Len Brudney
 Judy Bryan
 Sharyn Bryan
 Ed Buchanich
 Mike Buchanich
 Jane Budz
 Al Burns
 Gloria Buydoso
 Harry Compson
 Kathy Crooks
 Kathy Crummy
 Bob Cunningham
 John Curry
 Ernest Dalusio
 Rose DeKleva
 Donna DeMartini
 Madeleine DeMeio
 Patty Dickey
 Rich Dickey
 Betty Dillner
 Noreen Dray
 Kathy Dyer
 Jim Ellison
 Mary Fleck
 Nancy Fry
 Rich Fuhrer
 Kathy Gardner
 Jim Gaston
 Frieda Gaul
 Judy Georgie
 Randy Girdwood
 Frank Godel
 Joyce Godlewski
 Tony Grebeck
 Cookie Grebeck
 Al Greenawalt
 Nancy Grill
 Antoniette Grzybek
 Diane Hanchett
 Frank Hanna
 Trudy Hartz
 Bill Henry
 Linda Hails
 Joanne Hilla
 Linda Hwostow
 Dave Ivey
 Paul Jackson
 Diane Johns
 George Johnson
 Dave Jura
 Dave Kashlak
 Walt Kaspryszyn
 Tom Kasunic
 Adam Kawalczyk
 Mary Jo Kosdemba
 Brian Knight





Eileen Lassinger
 Marlene Lovic
 Larry Lucas
 Anna Mae Lutinsky
 Nancy Mahnick
 Mike Makuta
 Sandra Malone
 Dave Manifold
 Dan Marcinko
 Valerie McCorkle
 Jim McMullen
 Ernest McRobie
 Nick Mellon
 Eugene Mennow
 Beverly Michael
 Linda Micklow
 Carol Mogle
 Pearl Monarko
 Delfina Mondino
 Judy Montgomery
 Bill Murray
 Leslie Nary
 Barb Nicolozza
 Karen Nolker
 Leslie Nolker
 Rich Ostroski
 Betty Paholic
 Bob Paul
 Mary Payne
 Christine Pazak
 John Pazak
 Susan Phillips
 Steve Pierce
 Elaine Pittman
 John Plesha
 Tony Plesha
 Ted Plucinski
 Martha Proco
 Don Pugachow
 Joe Puskar
 Nancy Radonovich
 Jack Rearick
 Candy Reed
 Karen Reiber
 Pat Roesch
 Larry Ross
 Linda Salmon
 Dan Schroth
 Lorraine Schwab
 Frank Scopel
 Gail Seibert
 Renee Semp
 Ron Shelestak
 Tom Shoun
 Marlene Shurina
 Dominic Simonetti
 Larry Simonetti
 Diane Skurka
 Delores Smay
 Donna Smulick
 Judy Snyder
 Ralph Stanisky
 Bob Stanko
 Larry Stelltano
 Eugene Stello
 Dolly Suhan
 John Swaiko
 Trudy Tadder
 Elaine Thompson
 Jim Tedesco
 Bill Thornton
 Cheryl Tibensky
 Phyllis Timmons
 Henry Trevellini
 Carol Troyak
 Marlene Uchie
 Pat Valerio
 Ed Vasileik
 Cathy Venesky
 Janet Victain

Carol Wagner
Francis Waldo
Fred Walters
Paul Warner
Charles Wilkins
Steve Yakimczyk
Sandra Yaras
Karen Zalus

Stan Zawrotnaik
Pat Zilla
Joann Zoccki



"HEY, HE'S GOING TO PLAY A POLKA!" — shouts Carol Pivni as Wilma Eversole, Joyce White, Stella Nicolazza, Diane Rokoski, Russ Grimes, Ann Moskala, Joy Skurka, and Elaine Pernick crowd around Ray "Transistor" McHarg at the 8th grade party.



YEP, THEY'RE ALL OUT — and Cheryl Bohn gets her wish during a spontaneous birthday party held for her in the cafeteria. Her friends joining in the festivities include Sandy Garvin, Lanny Nary, Bonnie Setzenfand, Jane Schroder, Donna Garvin, and Judy Puskas.

Undergrads



MUST BE REPORT CARD TIME (Left) — Mr. Angeloni, 9th grade English teacher, gets some royal treatment from some of his students as he passes chow line at 9th grade party. Serving up the hash are Pat McCoy, Joyce Monnier, Naomi Weaver, Carol Budz, Betsy Hohman, and Judy Swanhart.





FUN LOVING FRESHIES — Chucky Aymar, Margie Fleck, Bev Rearick, and John Merli tease the COLAGRA photographer at the 9th grade party, but he got even with them in the end. Some of the unique decorations, relating to the Far East theme, can be seen in the background.



ALL FOR ONE — Buddy-buddy for this photo are Barb Burns, Kathy Preisser, Sue West, and Mike Youra. Barb and Kathy headed entertainment for the evening with their vocal rendition of songs from South Pacific.

Really Lived It Up

DIVIN' IN — Best part of any party is the refreshments agree these 7th graders as they attack from all directions.

ALL SLICKED UP (Below) — are these happy 7th graders gathered around the novel wishing well during the fun-filled 7th grade party.





You Were There...



THE YEAR IN REVIEW



Eisenhower . . . Khrushchev . . . Castro . . .
 U-2 . . . Leap Year . . . Census . . . Brigitte
 Bardot . . . Payola . . . Kennedy . . . Caryl
 Chessman . . . Johansson . . . Pirates in first place
 . . . "Like Crazy Man!"

Anyway you looked at it, 1959-60 was another of those "Whew!" years. On the international scene it was a year that emphasized the wide split between communism and the American style democracy based on dignity of the individual. Major episodes of the year included Communist boss Nikita Khrushchev's visit to the United States, Fidel Castro's successful revolution in Cuba and his transition of a once good neighbor to a Moscow puppet type country, the breakdown of a "summit" conference which was to help bring harmony to the world but instead brought it to the brink of havoc, the U-2 incident where an American plane was brought down as it was engaging in aerial spying deep in Russian native territory.

All these events contributed to the dilemma of solving the problem of how the democratic and communistic societies can live together on the same globe without destroying each other via a nuclear war.

KENNEDY SURPRISES NATION

Inside the United States, the presidential campaign gathered most of the headlines. It was most startling in that a Catholic, youthful looking Senator John Kennedy, had "dared" submit his intentions of being president of the greatest nation in the world. But even more significant was the fact that the highly publicized religious intolerance in the United States was more of a myth than reality. At this writing, Senator Kennedy astounded all by running up a delegate majority for the pending presidential convention, even in states which had very few Catholics in them. It meant America had matured in 1960 — citizens were voting for the man and his leadership ability rather than the way he had been baptized.

In addition, there were other political names who had equal chance of winning the presidential nod. There were Stevenson, Johnson, Symington, for the democrats, and Nixon and Rockefeller, for the republicans.



MAN OF THE YEAR — Time magazine named President Eisenhower as "Man of the Year." However, it was a troubled American president who completed his last year as executive head of the greatest nation in the world. He had hoped to pave a solid core of peace and prosperity in his time — but instead he was witness to a creeping communism malignancy which already had ruthlessly contaminated over half the world.

CHESSMAN EXECUTED

Capital punishment in the United States never ceased to be debated before and after the execution of Caryl Chessman in the gas chamber at San Quentin. Chessman, author of several books, had

1959-60

been given the death sentence for a series of crimes. The actual execution was commuted 11 times until the end of the line on May 2, 1960. His execution was heralded with fierce pros and cons not only in the United States but also throughout the world.

The year will be remembered nationally, also for being the census year. Statistics showed the United States had gained more than 28 million

people in the past decade. Total now was close to 180 million people.

WEST DEER LEADS ALL

Interesting, too, was that our own West Deer Township was leader of all local municipalities in population gain over the last 10 years. West Deer registered 1,539 more residents, for a total of 9,023. This is a mere 677 short of population required for a third-class city.

In fact, any way you looked at it, West Deer was on the move. Long sought city water lines were installed to alleviate the serious water shortages in Bairdford and Curtisville areas. Politics, too, was experiencing a type of unexpected upheaval when several candidates of a "young Democratic" group won out in district elections. "Fawn Haven," located near the Hampton border of West Deer became the latest of the new housing plans attracting new residents to the township.

PIRATES PRODUCE MIRACLE

Although it was a tension packed year, entertainment provided the needed relaxation. The miracle nobody thought would ever happen — the Pirates winning a pennant — became a definite possibility during the year. As this was being written, the Pirates were far ahead in the National League (and we sure hope they stayed there!). "Ben Hur" won the Academy Award as best picture of the year. "Nun's Story," "Pillow Talk," "Li'l Abner," "Operation Petticoat," "Because They're Young," "Tall Story" were among other movies to be remembered.

Whew! What A Year!!!

Brigitte Bardot, the French kitten, replaced Marilyn Monroe as the boys' favorite, while the girls concentrated more on singer personalities such as Bobby Darin (whose record "Mac-the-Knife" was best seller of the year), Bobby Rydel, Frankie Avalon, Fabian — and, of course, Elvis Presley who had just completed his two-year stint with the U.S. Army.

Rock and Roll still dominated the scene, and



RED BOSS — Nikita Khrushchev, a man of many moods, created the major tensions of the 1959-60 year.

such dances as the "Stroll," "Mash Potatoes," "Cha-Cha," "Slop," "Madison" were the specialties.

"HUCKLEBERRY HOUND"

Television during the year will be remembered for programs such as "The Untouchables," "The Danny Thomas Show," "Huckleberry Hound," — not to mention the "fixed" quiz shows. Can't forget, too, that the rootin' tootin' two-gun Mavericks, Colts, Broncos, Lawmen were still in there running down crooks.

Of course West Deer High has been covered in detail in this yearbook, but we can't forget recording for memories such things as this being the year one-way traffic was inaugurated in the halls, a new gas furnace being installed to replace the coal burners, the installation of "a million"

doors to comply with state fire safety regulations. It was the year, too, we lost a great friend, Mrs. Theresa Mahnick, one of the cafeteria employees and one who did much for the students of West Deer High.

If it's at all possible to sum up a year in this short space, those were the highlights.

Yes, indeed, 1959-60 — Whew, what a year!!



THE SKY STILL HAD NO LIMITS— In 1959-60 everyone was still reaching for the moon. The missile and space age was here to stay. The effect it had could be noticed in almost every classroom. Students and teachers alike seemed to realize that the destiny and future of the world were linked with the still to be solved mysteries of the heavens. Scenes such as these were common at West Deer High during the year. Mr. Fortino, 8th grade science instructor, explains some of the theories involved in rocket flight to Steve Langfitt, Jane Schroder, and Mildred Kratz. The rockets were models designed and constructed by the students themselves.

Moon Shots..Weddings..Crazy Weather

OUR BUDDY GETS MARRIED— Probably the second biggest story of the year around West Deer High concerned the trips to the altar made by several "most eligibles" on the faculty and staff. Well, everyone likes a good wedding — even J.B.T. students. When they found out their favorite teacher, Miss Mariotti, had changed her name to Mrs. Radovitch, a spontaneous festivity was the order of the day. Helping the new Mrs. Radovitch celebrate were, seated around table *from left*, Barb Burns, Kathy Preisser, Anna Mae Proco, (Mrs. Radovitch), Andi Tipe, Nancy Papriska, Louise Gezzi, Bonnie Lager, Margie Klobuchar, Mary Makuta. *Standing*, Barb Pawloski, Bobbie Grass, Bev Grosick, Karan Balog, Dee Brinker, Maxinne Flynn, Betsy Hohman, Flo Maliszewski, Beth Newman, Sheryl Brick, Bev Rearick, Peg Chelpanoff, Rosemary Kotts.





CRAZY WEATHER—Mr. Piazza demonstrates his masterful technique of putting on snow chains. This represents a scene of 1959-60 that will long be remembered. Mighty unpredictable weather, from balmy summer-type days in January to record-breaking snowfalls and cold weather in April, made everyone wonder what the weatherman had worked up for the next day.

RARIN' TO BE EDUCATED—Often reminded of the progress being made by students their ages in other countries, West Deer High students enjoyed the competition and seemed to display a new vim and vigor for knowledge. This was evident in many of the classrooms. However, once in a while a student's thoughts would drift away into a nostalgic paradise that often beckons even the most conscientious.





HEYA JIM . . . HI SENATOR KENNEDY — Sophomore history student Jim Zachousky had the thrill of a lifetime when he received the opportunity to meet and talk to a candidate, Senator John Kennedy, seeking the office of President of the United States. The event took place during a student press conference held at the Hilton Hotel in Pittsburgh.

IT'S THIS WAY (Right) — A group of P.O.D. students gather information from Mrs. John Doman, an election official at the Bairdford voting precinct, on election day. The P.O.D. students decided to acquire their knowledge of American politics and free elections by going directly to the scene — in this case a township voting precinct. The students gathered material, observed, and formed opinions and conclusions on the voting process. These were later evaluated and discussed in a research paper turned in as part of their work in P.O.D. class. The students and their teacher, Mr. Angeloni, were deeply appreciative of the courtesy and help given to them by all the election officials at the Bairdford poll.



Elections Intrigue Students

Presidential elections turned out to be one of the most widely discussed matters (next to world tensions) during the year in history classes. Names such as Nixon, Kennedy, Stevenson, Symington, etc., became quite familiar sounds. Most WD students came to know and understand the American electoral system and the present candidates involved even better than many adult citizens.

One class, senior P.O.D., studied the system in detail, even to the extent of actually visiting a voting place in the community on election day.

However, even though present day happenings captured their attention, all students in the 28 daily social studies classes at WD continued the traditional scholar's struggle of reading and re-living the events of the past, ranging from the Neanderthal Man to the Korean War.

All history teachers attempted to impress an axiom which apparently the adult leaders of the world did not learn in their day: "If you do not study and understand the past, you may have to relive it again." **HISTORY CLASS MEMOIRS:** Most unusual field trip of year was taken by the P. O. D. class members when they visited the county jail, Blawnox, as part of their study unit on crime . . . If some mock elections conducted by history classes come true in the future years, women will be running local government. Winners of the elections were PAT STANISH and LEAH BRYAN, for school board; DARLENE FRYER, tax collector; BARB BURDEK and LORETTA EVERSOLE, road board; and PAT MAKUTA, justice-of-peace . . . Who knows more than anyone about everything? At WD it's TED BAR-SOLO, according to a general knowledge history test administered by Mr. Angeloni.



THE AMERICAN WAY (Above) — John Hudak, a civic leader in West Deer-Twp., points out the correct method in marking a ballot to WD seniors Bob Kirsch, Dee Charney, Donna Allen, and Bob Proco. Mr. Hudak, former township tax collector, has frequently helped P. O. D. students with homework involving the understanding of local and national government procedure.

STRAIGHT OR SPLIT TICKET? (Below) — Larry McAdams pauses to ponder an important political question while Tony Busin, Bob Kirsch, and Donna Allen await their turn in the voting booth. WD students had the unique opportunity of being permitted to actually enter a voting booth and, in secret, cast a sample ballot for the candidates of their choice.





MASTER MATHEMATICIAN—Fran Zonarich wonders if he'll ever become adept as Mr. Acciai in using the slide rule. Mr. Acciai, recognized by all as one of the outstanding math teachers in the area, this year taught Algebra II as well as his former Algebra I classes.

Science, Math Dept. Toughen Requirements

The "Scaring Sixties" had arrived and with them the realization that from now on our country's standard of living, indeed its very existence, would depend on the caliber of mathematicians and scientists schools could produce. Second rate students would not do. To memorize facts was not enough.

West Deer science and math teachers turned "A's" into elusive little creatures that were secured only after hours of homework, concentrated study, observing, and conclusive research.

MATH, SCIENCE SCENES: After finding holes in Dad's shirts and Sis's skirt, mothers of 8th graders wondered if moths had invaded their homes. Further investigation revealed that Johnny and Mary had been snipping samples of clothing fibers for their science class experiments . . . Bridging the gap between conventional math courses and college courses was the newly introduced advanced mathematics course taught by MRS. CUNNINGHAM . . . Highlight of biology was the big grasshopper hunt staged by MR. ANDRIKO . . . Chemistry class enjoyed the annual tour of Allegheny Ludlum.

Straight A average in Algebra I earned PAUL GRANDY, LEO ZILLA, ANN CATHERWOOD, and RICH POLETUNOW the right to represent WD at the annual county math competitions . . . Practical science intrigued 8th and 9th graders presenting special projects, such as periscopes and constellations. DAN JONES, BOB PASZEK: making oxygen. JOANNE BORIS, LINDA JOHANNSON, FLO MALIZEWSKI: burglar alarm, RON ELLENA, ED MORO, JOHN BORIS . . . Because of their copious board work, MR. ACCIAI'S algebra classes were champion chalk users, much to the regret of the stock room supervisors. "Just can't keep them supplied," they wailed . . . LANNY NARY and JOAN DeKLEVA were champs in a "Chemistry Knowledge" bee . . . MR. GRAFF'S 7th grade rockhounds searched the Bairdford terrain for valuable specimens.



VIEWING ANOTHER WORLD—Biology students receive an unexplainable thrill when they first look through a microscope and view the world of living organisms, a world many of them didn't even know existed. Joyce Valerio, guided carefully by Mr. Andriko, scans a specimen through one of the 10 new school microscopes made available this year by a federal program.

TEACHER FOR A DAY—Edward Canter, of Gulf Research, is pleased at the way his three pupils, Steve McMaster, Tony Vioral, and Leon Lawrence, grasped the principle of the solar battery. Mr. Canter exchanged positions with Mr. Monnier, WD chemistry, physics teacher, who in turn visited several area research labs on that day to keep up to date on latest requirements of industry.





WD SCIENTISTS AT WORK—Sue Gall and Leroy Zalus test solubility of silver chloride during a chem lab session. The lab, alternated with textbook and lectures, provides students with a thorough and practical knowledge of the fascinating world of science.

A HOT DESK—Ed Scopel and Mr. Vitkay use a geiger counter to test for traces of radioactivity during a 9th grade science class.



THE BIG SEARCH—Chemistry student Lanny Nary symbolizes the WD student in his quest to unlock the unlimited mysteries of science.

BETTER THAN TELEVISION—Susie Phillips and Jimmy McMullen are fascinated by the workings of a miniature steam engine. Seventh graders covered science units on the air, water, universe, earth, health, fire and heat, weather, plant and animal life.





IT'S REALLY VERY SIMPLE — For her demonstration speech in class, Pat Costello explains embroidery work. This type of oral practice proved to be extremely interesting and informative.



ROME LIVES AGAIN — Ron Ellena, Arlene Marshall and Marie Guerrieri are transported back to the days of Ancient Rome by way of Latin class projects which included temples, mosaics, chariots, togas, tunics, Roman aquaducts.

Reading, Writing, Speaking

The caveman communicated by grunting and using gestures; modern man communicates through speaking, writing, and reading. For complete understanding in all fields, therefore, means of communicating effectively must be thoroughly mastered.

With this in mind, the English and language departments at West Deer offered many courses which instructed and challenged the student to write, read, and speak in an intelligent and proficient manner. Among these were English in all grades, speech, reading, journalism, in addition to the business courses and the languages of French and Latin.

DEPT. NOTES: No one was immune from writer's cramp. Seventh grade unified study requirements included a 30-page written and oral report every six weeks. Academic English seniors had six major research papers, plus daily paragraphs. Mrs. "D's" sophs manufactured compositions at a near one-a-week rate . . . French students published their own newspaper . . . English III enjoyed reading *Our Town*, especially as dramatized and explained via the spectacular "Fortun Method." Giving Academy Award performances were MARSHA SCHUSTIC, DIANE UCHIC, PAUL WIMER, CHUCK PECKHAM . . . Champ orators in the annual freshman English filibusters competition were DICK KIRSCH and MARK ZEBRACKI who carried on an "intelligent" conversation for 55 minutes straight without pausing for more than three seconds . . . Caesar himself would have commended JOAN CONROY, DIANE GRAHAM, DAVE ALLISON, JOAN DEKLEVA, MIKE SOLOMAN on their Latin projects . . .

NEXT GOAL A BEST SELLER — Budding journalist Sandi D'Amico receives a \$25 check from Bob Tench, city editor of *The Valley Daily News*, for her writing contest entry which was judged best of the entire A-K Valley.





WE SURE HAVE A PROBLEM—Unified Studies students Albert Brocious, Cheryl Tibensky, Anna Mae Lutynsky, Joan Zoccki, Henry Trevellini, Linda Micklow, and Diane Hanchette find that things don't always run smoothly in planning for the major six-weeks' report. In such instances a quick conference with number one problem solver, Mr. Sipes, irons out all difficulties.

Kept Everyone Mighty Busy

READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

—The champion readers of West Deer High gather to celebrate National Library Week by discussing the books they have read during the year. Standing, from left, are Tom Gestrich, Elaine Collier, Marion Kenyon, Ron Mohar, Bob Salmon, and Harold Atkinson. Seated, Susie Phillips, Theresa Lamperski, Jan Swanhart, and Ann Cath-erwood. During a 30-week period, Tom, Marion, and Elaine each checked out over 50 books, Elaine having the highest number of the trio. At last count she was well past the 50 mark and still going strong.



West Deer Students in Demand

The help-wanted sections of newspapers are filled with positions for secretaries, clerks, typists. Employers are looking for a special type of girl, the type that is the product of the West Deer business department. She is a well-groomed young lady, able to meet the public. Her training began in 9th grade with junior business training. From then she advanced to a variety of courses: typing, bookkeeping, shorthand, office practice, business English, business math. She can handle any type of office machines from a comptometer to dictaphone. She is an employer's dream.

BUSINESS NOTES: THERESA MALIC and BARB BURDEK were the year's outstanding commercial students. Theresa won the Underwood "Best All-Around Business Student" award, while Barb received the Underwood medallion for "Best All-Around Typist." . . . Future V. I. P. BUD McDONALD was the lone male in business math class . . . Business English students learned through role playing of actual office interviews. EILEEN PIERCE, DEE PUSKARICH, BEV LONDON, and GLORIA SKILLEN won "Oscars" for their portrayal of the bosses.

An unsolved mystery lurks in the office practice room. A table collapsed without cause; chief suspect is a muscle bound mouse . . . For one of their tests, JBT students took particular pleasure in making out personal checks. Only thing wrong was that the checks were just replicas and not real.

TYPICAL DAY IN TYPING CLASS— Mrs. Schuster stands ready to answer questions . . . Students concentrate on warm-up exercises . . . It's type, groan, type, groan again — and finally that look of satisfaction when a line is typed without a mistake. More students have come to realize the importance of being able to type, resulting in continual increase in typing class enrollment.



GET READY, GET SET, GO—The dictation champs of Shorthand II attempt to match their skill with the fastest talker of them all, Mr. Lavrich, shorthand instructor. Loretta Eversole, Theresa Malic, Mabel Schroth, and Barb Burdek reached speeds from 90 to 100 words-per-minute to qualify for Gregg Awards. Theresa was crowned dictation champ for achieving a speed of 120 words.

By Business World



HOW'S THIS, BOSS? — Diane Cheskey checks with Mr. Curcio, newest member of the business department instructional staff, on some of her office work.

THEY SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE— But they did it. Yep, they typed over 50 words-per-minute in a 10-minute test to win coveted Gregg Certificate typing awards. The girls and the record typing speeds they reached are, *seated*, Mabel Schroth, 52; Darlene Fryer, 50; Loretta Eversole, 63; Leah Bryan, 53. *Standing*, Arlene Zonrich, 61; Agnes Semler, 53; Joyce Edgar, 61; Ruth Burns, 50.





DIOR SAYS TO SHORTEN HEMLINES, SO (Above) — What's good for Paris is good for West Deer agree Betty Craft and Paula Gordon as they pin skirts being made for Judy Puskas and Frances Porter. Miss Kraft stands by to make certain the fashion standards are followed correctly. Sewing instruction enables girls to acquire a talent which will be useful now and in the future.

SHE CAN BOIL WATER, TOO — Hostess of the home ec Christmas dinner, Daisy Skidmore expertly carves the plump turkey. Daisy and her classmates handled all phases of the meal including marketing and menu planning. Eating, the final phase, turned out to be the most enjoyable of all!



All at West Deer feel confident that as the result of instruction in such courses as home ec, art, driver's training, etc., everyone will emerge more proficient in matters of every-day home life.

The knowledge and experience gained in these types of courses remain with a student forever. The housewife transforms her home into a hub of healthy, safe, and productive living; the busy-body of 20th century living finds satisfaction and relaxation in the arts; the careful driver uses mature judgement and better than average skill whenever he is at the steering wheel of an auto.

DEPT. NOTES: Future husbands will benefit, financially that is, from training freshman home ec students received this year. In one class they prepared an entire buffet supper around leftover eggs . . . 7th grade artists learned clay sculpturing. **NANCY MAHNICK, DAVE MANIFOLD, JOYCE GILLESPIE** molded ash trays; **FREIDA GAUL**, a horse; **AL BROCCIOUS**, a totem pole . . . **GERRI HUDON, PATTY KUBISA, IRENE VENESKY, DAISIE SKIDMORE** were some home ec girls who froze an entire meal and after thawing termed it "delicious." . . . Driver's ed sessions had their moments, too. **PAT STANISH** and **JOE CHELPANOFF** encountered a turtle on one of their road trips. They talked Mr. Unites into bringing it back to school for use in the biology lab . . . The seven sewing machines in home ec saw plenty of action. Seventh graders made their traditional aprons; 9th graders, jumpers and blouses; Home Ec II, remodeled clothes and sewed dresses.

Home Ec, Art,

MAY WE HAVE THE KEYS, DAD? (Right) — Aided by the patience and skill of Mr. Unites, these 75 West Deer High School students this year completed the driver's training course and successfully passed their driver's test. Each recalls Mr. Unites' warning about speed — "Several hundred have graduated from this course and I haven't had to send flowers to any one of them for speeding. Don't you be the first." All at West Deer have high praise, also, for Benke Motor Company of Culmerville which for the second consecutive year provided a sturdy new Rambler training car that withstood all the rigors of beginning drivers.



THE MASTER'S TOUCH—Some of the advanced art students of Mr. King hold an impromptu exhibit. All of the products were made by the creative students in the art classes. Displaying their wares are, from left, seated, Diane Graham, Ralph Malizewski, Mike Micklow, Tony Buydoso, Tom Griffith. Standing, Joy Swanhart, Josie Burns, Bev Kratz, Frank Matko.



Driving Skills Last Lifetime



Shop Classes Work Magic with Tools,

The shop classes are known as the classes that work magic. Little 7th graders who had difficulty whittling reward their dads with tie clips and rings; 8th graders turn out cornershelves, gun racks, toasting forks. Upperclassmen make articles that win the praise of professional wood and metal workers — lamps, coffee-tables, smoking stands, tools, even a cedar chest and a boat!

SHOP CLASS PROJECTS: Brave white hunters FRANK BUCHANICH, GEORGE HOLLIBAUGH, CARL POTENSKY made gun racks . . . STAN BRUDNEY is considering donating his self-made baseball bat to the Pirates . . . Research papers found their way even into the metal shop class. Outstanding ones were turned in by JERRY DAVIS and LEROY BUTTYAN . . . Shop students continued to play the old "Get me a left-handed monkey wrench" gag to unsuspecting younger members of the class . . . CRAIG STEVENS led the freshman mechanical drawing class in drawings completed. Runners-up were JOHN MERLI, MIKE O'MALLEY, and CHUCK AYMAR.

CREATIVE HANDS — Jerry Kemman displays what a vocational student may achieve with good tools, a patient instructor, and some hard work. The table and lamp have found a permanent place in the living room of Jerry's home.



END RESULTS — After weeks of cutting, shaping, soldering, buffing, and shellacking, Dave Seibert and Sam Pidhirny are justifiably proud of the end results. Dave holds a modernistic magazine rack, Sam a charcoal-firewood holder.

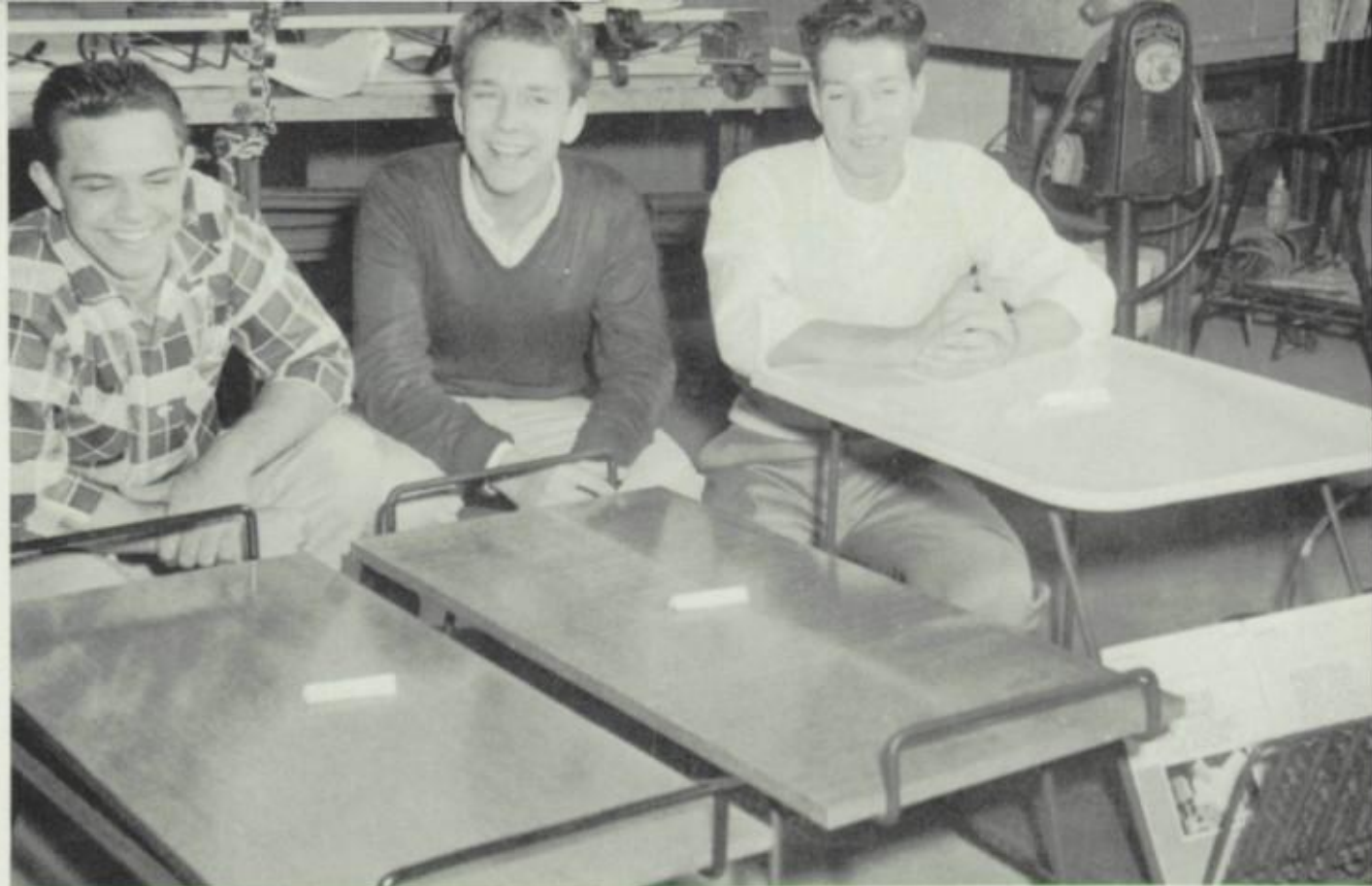
WHO CARES ABOUT INK STAINED FINGERS (Below) — Jim Griffith, Joe Gizienski, and Jim Barnett are absorbed in a type setting project at the school print shop.



Metal, Wood

FROM A SLAB OF WOOD AND A PIECE OF STEEL—Sometimes vocational students like Stan Paszek, John Clifford, and Bill Hartman are themselves amazed at the "magic" they work in shop class. However, after the initial shock wears off, they realize that it wasn't luck but their own skill that produced the professional looking end tables.

WELL EQUIPPED (Below)—Tool-keeper Mike Hilla makes certain the shop storage room will be in A-1 shape when Mr. DiMarco makes his inspection tour. It is the responsibility of the boy appointed for toolroom duty to see that all equipment is returned in good working order and placed in its appropriate position.



A STOPCHUCK ORIGINAL—Marty Stopchuck adds the finishing touches to a contemporary looking lamp which he designed himself.



PRO AT WORK—Ray Pieranunzi, Mr. DiMarco, Jerry Kemman, and Larry McAdams give careful attention to Bob Beitko's technique on the buffing machine. After Mr. DiMarco is satisfied with Bob's progress, the others will take a trial run on the buffer and then proceed to actually using it on their projects.





RX:

ZERO HOUR IS APPROACHING—Nurses and student assistants load up syringes with enough vaccine ammunition to insure the successful blast-off of "Operation Jag." Members of the Future Nurses received an on-the-job view of their profession. They helped load syringes, ran errands, applied alcohol to arms, calmed frightened grade school pupils, even to the extent of promising to receive an inoculation right along with them!



They say when you open your mouth and close your eyes it doesn't hurt as much! . . .



...Or, you won't feel it if you turn your head and express whatever is on your mind!!!

TIME TO CALL IT A DAY

—Some 800 inoculations later, West Deer's A-1 medical team is able to relax and talk about the day's project. Though a bit tired, the doctors and nurses replace the weariness with a satisfied feeling that they have aided in safeguarding the health of many West Deer youngsters. From left are nurse Dorothy Barbehenn, Dr. Daniel Fine, and Dr. James Cooley, of the Russellton Medical Clinic, conferring with Mrs. Yeloushan, West Deer school district nurse.



West Deer Germs Just Never Get a Chance

Germs just don't have a chance around West Deer with the three-way health insurance provided by the health department, health and gym classes, and the close liaison with the Russellton Medical Clinic.

As head of the extremely busy health department, Mrs. Annabelle Yeloushan, school district nurse, is the official first-aid provider, health counselor, examination arranger, immunizer for 2,096 students — and almost anything else you can think of along the "RX" line.

The several major campaigns undertaken by the health department this year were enough to make any germ shudder — 619 complete physical examinations in grades 1, 6, and 11 and to all new students, 596 dental exams, 209 TB patch tests, 1,120 vision tests, 1,060 hearing tests.

The major blow dealt against illness was a comprehensive survey of the entire student enrollment to determine the immunization needs: "Operation Jag" was born! At its completion, some 825 students had been inoculated with the diphtheria-tetanus serum. Final results showed that 92 per cent of the student enrollment in West Deer schools are immunized to adequate standards.

Such a program as Operation Jag involves much more than swabbing an arm with alcohol and injecting a needle. A staff of secretaries would be staggered by the voluminous clerical work required. However, the task was handled successfully by parent aides and Mrs. Yeloushan's student secretaries, Bessie Craig, Theresa Miller, and Diane Cheskey.

Another sure-fire way to beat the germ squad is through instructions in health class, a course required of all sophomores. As an individual becomes more acquainted with body functioning, he hesitates to abuse it. With the aid of "Skinny," health students gained a thorough understanding of body organs, bone structure, muscle networks. Skinny, incidentally, started out as an odd assortment of bones, ligaments, tendons, organs, muscles. After several health class sessions he emerged as a scale replica of the human body.

Health class also became entangled in a world of bandages, slings, tourniquets, and square knots. Students took turns portraying accident victims.

Another part of the triple-threat against disease and poor health are the phys ed classes. Through activities such as volleyball, mushball, table tennis, marching, group calisthenics, good habits are developed to combat the dire effects of sitting behind a desk or becoming a television addict.

A healthier individual, a healthier community, and a healthier nation are sure to be the results of the exceptional superior health program at West Deer.



HERE'S THE HUMERUS— Nancy Allen and Bob Kirchner assemble a skeleton, a scale model of the human body. Each student in health class was responsible for constructing some section of the model. The West Deer health teachers believe that an increased knowledge of the body's mechanism naturally brings about good health habits.

MIRACLE OF LIFE— Polly Slenkovich and Dave Allison agree with health teacher Mr. Antonelli that the human body is truly a marvelous piece of machinery. Here Mr. Antonelli demonstrates how the heart sustains life by pumping nourishment to all parts of the body through an intricate system of veins and arteries.





'THINK I COULD FIND THE ANSWER IN THE LIBRARY?' — This is the beginning of the big search for knowledge which occurs daily in the library. Diligently engaged in this endeavor are those pictured in this panoramic view.

Library Is Hub of Educational Wheel

Improve, improve, improve. Plan for additional reference and leisure reading books; make available a wide array of pamphlets, magazines, newspapers for students and faculty; put the Dewey Decimal System into efficient working order. These were some of the hundred-and-one chores tackled by Miss Lambert, West Deer librarian, and her student staff.

At one time or another everyone at school walks through the doors of this "hub of West Deer's educational wheel." During each six weeks period an average of 1,483 books is checked out.

Faculty members use the library's facilities often as a starting ground for the next day's lessons, or to secure background material for their subjects. When research paper time rolls around, the library becomes a second home. Using only the library's backlog of periodicals, senior academic English students prepared 15 to 30 page papers. They are the first to admit that without Miss Lambert's help many a research paper

would not have found its way onto the teacher's desk.

LIBRARY JOTTINGS: It seems that 8th graders are the school's leading bookworms, checking out a grand total of 1,988. Leading their classmates with 36 or more books were Anne Catherwood, Tom Gestrich, Henry Boch, Mary Norris, Lee Kirkpatrick, Joyce Boch, Rich Wenzel, Gail George, and Bernie Dobrowski . . . Top readers of other grades were Jan Swanhart and Ron Mohar, 12th grade; Elaine Collier and Bill Ondich, 11th; Terry Lamperski and Bob Salmon, 10th; Marion Kenyon and Harold Atkinson, 9th; Susan Phillips and Ed Beeles, 7th . . . MISS LAMBERT continues to be the most loved teacher by West Deer alumni. A chat with her is first on schedule for almost all visiting alumni. One famous West Deer grad, Lt. Andy Massimino, with the U.S. Navy in Hawaii, surprised Miss Lambert by sending her an assortment of baby orchids on her birthday . . . Most requested book this year was Pat Boone's "Twixt Twelve and Twenty," the nation's best seller.

All Students Aided by Guidance Dept.

The guidance department, headed by Mrs. Acciai, exists to offer special help for students, their parents and teachers. It seeks, in the main, to provide information for young people about themselves and opportunities, present and future. To accomplish this, a series of related services and activities are employed, with all guidance revolving around counseling, that is, direct conversations with the students.

Most conferences came about because students sought advice about their schooling, college, jobs and schedules. A ready listener was needed to help with some very personal problems. In addition, 23 new students entered West Deer after the term got underway and the department served as orientation center for these cordially welcomed individuals.

Additional group discussions were scheduled during the year when college, commercial, and nursing school personnel visited to talk with interested students. Senior boys were informed of military obligations by the service recruiters, and all seniors were on hand for a conclave to learn about employment possibilities. Group meetings with Mrs. Acciai were called most frequently to discuss scholarships and testing programs, to

interpret test results, and to consider means of avoiding failure.

While teachers in all grades helped administer exams, testing was probably the second most important job of Mrs. Acciai's office. While all test results were distributed to the teacher, much information about individual abilities, strengths and weaknesses, was given also to help students in knowing themselves.

As always, valuable memorandums and numerous studies were published and made available by the West Deer guidance department.

Noteworthy and new in 1959-60 was the well-planned and highly effective "guidance teaching" done by FTA members. Also highly successful was the annual detailed program for 8th grade orientation in March, conducted with assistance from Mrs. DiGirolamo and language, math, science, and home ec instructors.

Behind the scenes in the guidance office working as student secretaries, four girls made much of the department's success possible. Mrs. Acciai, speaking for all at West Deer, extended deep appreciation to Joyce Edgar, Loretta Eversole, Shirley Fuhrer, and Barb Lekse.

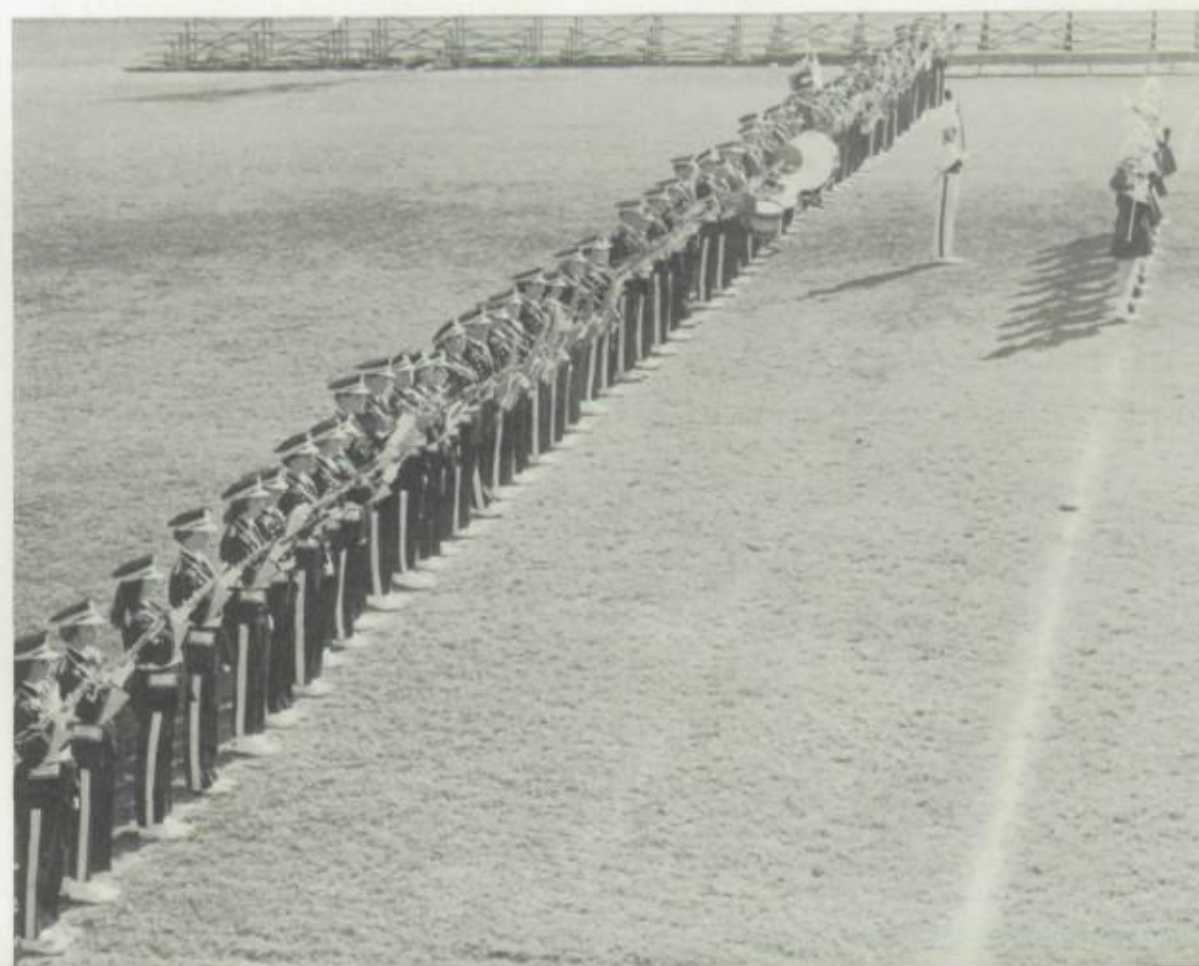
A FRIENDLY COUNSELOR, A FRIENDLY SCHOOL—These students, some of the 23 who entered West Deer High for the first time during the school term, found a friendly atmosphere created by Mrs. Acciai, the school's amiable guidance counselor. Each received a lengthy personal interview with the counselor and was aided in filling out schedules and becoming acquainted with the school and its students. In this photo the new students and the counselor got together for a chat with another new student, Susie West, former resident of Avonmore who came to West Deer about mid-way through the school term. Others are, *front*, Jerry Watterson, Tom Huemme, Edith Butler, John DeKleva, Shirley Wilkinson. *Back row*, Bob Huemme, Ed Downing, Bev Wilkinson, Harry Hoss, Bob Wilkinson, Pat and Dottie McCoy, Darlene Johns, and Susie.





HERE THEY COME — New Kensington's Fifth Avenue becomes alive with rhythm West Deer style as the Marching Braves move through mid-town during the annual April 1 Miner's Day Parade.

PRECISION PERFECT — The West Deer High School band displays the precision-perfect "company front" routine which has come to be the envy of area bands. Months, in fact years, of rigorous practice lie behind the letter perfect formation. Introduced three years ago at West Deer by Mr. Mauroni, the company front routine is considered one of the most difficult formations for a high school band to achieve. One itchy foot could destroy the entire effect!



Band Record: All Hits, No Misses

Behind every "Wow" performance of the band lies a tried and true recipe that consists of practice, practice, and more practice—plus a determination that marks an individual of the highest caliber.

What if the football field resembled a jungle during the rainy season — the company front routine was maintained to the letter. Certainly young band members found Mozart's *Impressario* difficult to master for the Spring Concert — but if Mozart could write it, they could play it!

Practice consisted of four rigorous hours daily during the week's stay at bandcamp and the 50-minutes a day during the school year. And if at the end of a practice session Mr. Mauroni still didn't seem quite satisfied, then it was up to each individual band member to master his piece at home.

Yes, it was only a superior and devoted type of individual who could proudly state at the end of the year that he was a West Deer band member. He had earned the respect and pride of all his classmates, for during the 1959-60 school term he had represented the school in more than 25 programs, ranging from football half-time shows to seasonal concerts and parades.

BAND MEMORIES: SALLY RYMER was the champ "pre-game-white-shoe-polisher." . . . A band member's

solo is equivalent to an actor's top billing. During the year the spotlight shone on DAVE SETZENFAND, HERM DILLNER, JIM ZACHOUSKY, BOB PROCO, DICK TADY, LANNY NARY, CHERYL HESS, VIC MENNOW.

Band managers JOAN DeKLEVA, EVELYN CAJKA, DEE CHARNEY, BESSIE CRAIG received more experience filing than most secretaries. It was their responsibility to file every piece of music . . . Quite relieved at the football season's end, band members celebrated with a "no-more-games" shindig . . . At band camp MR. MAURONI received letters signed by "Tootsie." Rumor has it that Tootsie was the creation of fun-loving MRS. SCOTT, Band Booster president . . . Rumor also has it that MRS. GRASS' cabin crew, which included CHERYL BOHN, JANE SCHROEDER, DONNA GARVIN, FRAN PORTER, BONNIE SETZENFAND, LANNY NARY, SANDI GARVIN, SALLY RYMER, BETTY SEIBERT, and JUDY PUSKAS planned to initiate new members by having them do laps around the field at midnight. It failed to pan out, however, because the plotters fell asleep . . .

As a check on their progress this year, band members were required to take a test on their instrument every six weeks.

THE FABULOUS FIFTY—Take one dedicated director, 46 talented teen-agers, three ambitious managers, and you have the ingredients for an outstanding high school band. The band members are, *front row, from left*, Jim Zachousky, Gary Simonetti, Nancy George, Johanna Consolaro, Jan Cunningham, Betty Jean Currin, Linda Johansson, Cheryl Hess. *Second row*, Doug Scopel, Barb Knight, Linda Broge, Marge McWhirter, Nancy Erskine, Ed Moro, Vic Mennow. *Third row*, Barb Victain, Bobbie Grass, Helen Dawson, Jayne Bush, Joyce Monnier, Don Bobish, Dick Tady. *Fourth row*, Dave Setzenfand, Arlene Zonarich, Rich Dickson, Tom Kosdemba, Betty Seibert, Dave McMaster, Joe Makuta, Lanny Nary. *Fifth row*, Bill Busino, Bill Hartman, Rich Gilson, Bob Rowe, Bill Dyer, Dan Grass, George Micklow, Herm Dillner. *Sixth row*, Sue Hartz, Mr. Mauroni, Ron Watkins, Rich Kirsch, Bob Proco, Bill Manifold, Dave Godlewski, Tom Griffith, Rege Mull, Bessie Craig, Dee Charney, and Joan DeKleva





SOUND OF MUSIC—Even a moment of rare solitude seems to intrigue the usually busy West Deer maestro, Mr. Mauroni. Aimlessly running through a simple tune seems to soothe his anxieties and bring on a type of relaxation that only music can engender.

Maestro Mauroni Can Be Seen In Many Moods



IT'S THE BEST—Mr. Mauroni chats with Mrs. Grass during meal time at the West Deer band camp in Emlenton. The band members enjoyed their third successful year at the camp.

BETTER TAKE IT FROM THE BEGINNING AGAIN! (Left) —

Through the years band members have learned to evaluate Mr. Mauroni's reaction to the way a selection is being played. When the music emerges as the composer meant it to be rendered, a grinning West Deer band director is usually the result. But . . . sometimes . . . if you're a band member and you notice the maestro's fingers edging toward the nose area . . . well . . . "you better take it from the beginning again!"





'AHT'S MY BOY — Mamma Grass gives son Danny an approving smile and a congratulations squeeze after he was presented the Arion Award during the annual band banquet. The Arion Award is given each year by the New Ken Musicians Union to the senior musician chosen as the most outstanding by his fellow band members. Dan is a true veteran of the West Deer band and one of the persons responsible for its great success in recent years.



THE TUBA MAN — Rege Mull's versatile musical sense tells him that all is not well with some of the counter melody being played by the bass section. So while the remainder of the band takes a short break, Dr. Mull prescribes a tuning up session.

Good Practice Meant Success



AND THE SLIDE TROMBONES SLID — Betty Seibert, Tom Kosdemba, Arlene Zonarich, Rich Dickson and Dave Setzenfand polish up their rendition of "76 Trombones" for the Spring Concert. It's estimated some 250 hours are spent in perfecting a concert number . . . a heap of blowing even for Gabriel!



Advanced Units Give Band Pert Appearance

What's a cake without icing? And what is the West Deer High band without the special extras which make it just that much better? These important extras are the majorettes, colorguards, and mascots — all adding to the band's snappy, colorful appearance.

AS THE YEAR WENT MARCHING ALONG: Sophomores DONNA BARNETT, ELAINE CASSOL, and SANDY HUSARIK made their first scholastic appearance as majorettes at the Saxonburg parade . . . JUDY GRDEN registered a complaint with Mr. Mauroni. It seems that ANNA MARIE PAPRISKA always bumped into her with the golden eagle on top of the flag as they came off the field . . . JOE YOURISH and ELAINE MATZE were constantly surrounded by youngsters who wondered if they were "real" Indians. They would really squeal with delight when Chief Joe would give out with some of the most unorthodox Indian grunts ever heard . . .

In the spring as the senior majorettes hung up their togs, MARSHA SHUSTIC was chosen head majorette, with DIANE UCHIC as co-head. Marsha also was the official choreographer of the squad by putting together many clever routines.

The five survivors of the rigorous majorette eliminations in the spring were PEGGY CHELPANOFF, BOBBIE GRASS, LYNNE WHITE, DORENE KERR and LOUISE GEZZI.

ALL EYES ARE ON CENTER STAGE — Head majorette Kathy Scott captures all attention with her precision twirling during one of the band concerts. Considered a promising young majorette in her sophomore year, Kathy rapidly developed into a seasoned performer. On the basis of her appearance, interest, and twirling ability she advanced to head majorette, the highest honor a majorette can achieve during her scholastic career.



PRETTY AND VIVACIOUS — The football field at halftime, the gym during a pep assembly, New Ken's main street on Miner's Day — any place takes on a special glow when the vivacious West Deer majorettes make an appearance. They are, *kneeling*, Donna Barnett, Elaine Cassol, Marsha Shustic, Diane Uchic, Sandy Husarik. *Standing*, Leah Bryan, Kathy Scott, and Bev London.



WEST DEER SAYS "HI"—Elaine Matze and Joe Yourish, Indian princess and chief of the band, and Dee Charney, colorguard, watch game proceedings. Chief Joe just acquired a new war bonnet this year, courtesy of the art classes, and had difficulty suppressing a desire to toss it into the air whenever the Braves scored a touchdown.



SENIOR MAJORETTES—Bev London, Kathy Scott, and Leah Bryan make their final appearance as West Deer majorettes. Next year's seniors, Marsha Shustic and Diane Uchic face the challenge of succeeding the three attractive scene-stealers.



UP FRONT—Colorguards Bessie Craig, Arlene Gray, Judy Grden, Anna Marie Papriska, Joyce Ferrance, and Dee Charney re-inact the appearance they present to football and parade viewers as the advance elements of the West Deer band.



BEAUTIFUL MUSIC—At West Deer the girls have the monopoly on beautiful voices, but the boys claim they don't particularly mind. Instead of performing themselves, they'd much rather sit back and watch the all-girl senior chorus which couples beautiful voices with beautiful faces. With director Mr. Salvatore, chorus members are, *first row*, Ruth Burns, Gloria Skillen, Maureen Atkinson, Joyce Romack, Agnes Semler, Betty Tibensky, Diane Cheskey, Ethel Cowfer, Shirley Fuhrer, Lois Tomiczek, Marlene Tabacchi, Linda Girdwood, Joyce Tadder, Ernestine Bassetti. *Second row*, Ruth Milos, Charlene Eversole, Grace Lewis, Darlene Fryer, Jan Swanhart, Jean Prymak, Marie Bibri, Elaine Matze, Dee Charney, Ida Brick, Nancy Stephens, Daisie Skidmore, Carol Bruggeman.

There Was a Place for Everyone

REGE WOWS 'EM—Rege Mull performs his show-stopping rendition of "Mary Ann" at the Variety Show. His entertaining vocal style made Rege a man in demand for most of the school events. Audience reaction was always the same; they clamored for more.



GO MAN, GO—Bernie Dobrowski's nimble fingers pick out "Flight of the Bumblebee" on the accordion during his variety show appearance. Although only an 8th grader, Bernie has become synonymous with top quality musical entertainment at West Deer. He has been playing the accordion for eight years.





UP AND COMING — Training for the day when they will don the uniforms of the Marching Braves are the Junior High Band members.

In West Deer's Musical World

If any student has a musical talent, or even a yen to sing or play an instrument, the West Deer High School music department has a spot available for him.

Both Mr. Mauroni, instrumental supervisor, and Mr. Salvatore, vocal supervisor, maintained a busy pace providing opportunities for any youngster to develop abilities or even appreciation of music.

Groups included the senior and junior bands, the swing band, various choruses, in addition to variety shows and concerts galore. There was a place for everyone. *HALF NOTES:* Talented junior band members who marched with the senior band included Donna

Garvin, Judy Puskas, Fran Porter, Jane Schroeder, Cheryl Bohn, Kim Stevenson, Virginia Kenyon, Nancy Hoffman, Ron Cotton, Bonnie Setzenfand, Harry Long, Ernie Koberlien . . .

LINDA MICKLOW and MARLENE UCHIC were winners of the big "mash potato" dance contest at the Variety Show. Three veteran mash-potatoers, MR. ANGELONI, MR. FORMENTO, and MR. LAVRICH, judged the event . . . MR. SALVATORE had a sure-fire method of getting the chorus members to smile at the appropriate places in a song; he would make faces at them.

WEST DEER'S BEST —

The most talented student musicians at West Deer are invited by Mr. Mauroni to become a part of the very popular swing band. Members this year were, *sitting*, Bernie Dobrowski, Dick Tady, Lanny Nary, Gary Simonetti, Joyce Monnier. *Middle row*, Don Bobish, Vic Mennow, Bob Proco, Joe Makuta, Bob Rowe. *Back row*, Rich Dickson, Dave Setzenfand, Tom Kosdemba, Dan Grass, Herm Dillner.





SO MUCH TO SEE—Mr. Stevenson, elementary supervisor, Rev. Crummy and Mrs. Hausele continue their conversation about West Deer schools while lunching with the students in the cafeteria.



GETTING TO KNOW WEST DEER—Bob Fyala served as student guide when Father Kelly visited the chemistry classroom.

TALKING IT OVER—George Manifold and Rev. Dr. Kennedy enjoy a brief chat with a group of 8th graders in the library. From left, are Henry Boch, Ann Catherwood, Gary Johns, and Bernie Dobrowski.



Visitors Observe

Through visitation programs, parents and other township citizens are given an opportunity to see the West Deer story in action. They see for themselves what constitutes this complex business called "education."

Annually, a special "Open House" night is set aside for parents. During this year's program, parents followed their children's class schedules. Teachers outlined purposes and requirements of the course. Displays were set up, illustrating the work that had been accomplished.

There was time for questions. "Has she been fooling around in class?" "You mean he had six weeks to finish that paper and yet he did it in the final two days!" The final stages of the program took place at home. For those who had kept up their grades there was praise. For those who had neglected their studies — well, they had a heap of explaining to do!

On Nov. 17 a group of area religious leaders participated in an informal visitation program. They observed classes in progress in both the high school and grade schools. They became acquainted with students, teachers, and administrators. At a general meeting the clergymen summed up their observations and presented their ideas and views on education. Taking part in the program were Rev. Walter Kenyon, Rev. Albert Beckes, Rev. Edward Thornton, Dr. Richard Kennedy, Rev. Lester Crummy, Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Hausele, and Rev. Father James Kelly.

The importance and value of this type of citizen-education program were commended in an article which appeared later in *School Management* magazine. The article, written by Dr. Casile, of the West Deer staff, was entitled "Let Citizens See Their Schools in Action."



ASK ME A QUESTION, TEACHER—Parents of physics class students exchange jests for a few moments with the class teacher, Mr. Monnier, before getting down to the business of discussing their children's progress in that class. Parents who attended Open House emerged pleased with the facilities, faculty enthusiasm, and educational opportunities available to all at West Deer High School. Seated at front table, from left, are Mr. Stanish, Mr. Halovanic, Mrs. Halovanic, Mrs. Porter. Second table, Mr. McMaster, Mr. Kirchner, Mr. Brudney, Mrs. Brudney, Mr. Georgieff, (standing).

West Deer Story in Action



BETTER THAN REPORT CARDS, DAD?—Rev. Kenyon agrees with daughters, Marion and Virginia, that there is no better method for a parent to understand his child's educational progress and problems than a visit to the school and personal conversations with teachers. Apparently Rev. Kenyon is pleased with his daughters' work.

Activities Expand Interests,

West Deer High School is like a department store when it comes to clubs and activities. There are organizations to suit everyone's taste — future scientist, art lover, chess enthusiast, budding Robin Hood, handyman.

A well functioning activity period was scheduled this year and enabled students and teachers to take part without infringing on regular classes. Profits from these activities were great. Students received valuable training in the field of human relations not found in textbooks, they were able to acquire new hobbies and interests for leisure time, and they became more acquainted with their future areas of work.

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES: "Anything for scientific research," chorused Ron Halovanic, Dave Ranker, Al Michael, and Andy Ross when they took samples of their blood and checked them for white corpuscles. Also in Science Club, Bob Gestrich was chief surgeon and Lou Radonovich his capable assistant in a dissecting session. The patient was a chicken . . . The much talked about shop mural which depicts molten steel flowing into a mold was the creation of Art Clubbers Diane Graham, Jill Hartz, Joy Swanhart, Steve Langfitt, Ed Baumgardner . . . Ron Sabatini was chief brush dipper for wall-sized map in Room 1 . . .

It paid to be a friend of Hall Patrol members. This year they were authorized to give tickets (cut cards) to anyone who violated one-way hall traffic regulations. They say Ron McAdams, Tom Mawhinney and Charlotte Linamen spotted most violators . . . Home Ec Club used bakesale profits to hold an Easter party for youngsters at the Home for Children . . . Ginny McCall, Barb Burns, Marianne Boch attended a conference of future homemakers at the Hilton . . . Three hospitals were visited by Future Nurse members Irene Venesky, Nancy Mallinson, Margie Costello, Ann Marie Papriska, Elaine Collier, Joanne Conroy, Joan DeKleva . . . One of the most active clubs was Mr. Vitkay's Junior Science Club. Members such as Bob Rowe, Bob Catherwood, Tom Kelly, Paul Grandy, Gary Lockerman, Ken Sukanovich, Mark Zebracki, Don Bobish tested soil, hatched chicks in a homemade incubator, repaired electric appliances, toured Armor's meat plant and other spots in Pittsburgh . . .

John Harriman and Kathy Gardner were the unbeatables in Chess Club tourneys. Mr. Sipes, sponsor, visualizes intramural and inter-scholastic chess teams in the future because of the way this type of hobby serves to stimulate the mind thinking process . . .

FTA members taught guidance in junior high classrooms . . . Nurse Jennie Malec, '57 WD grad and former editor of The Antler, was guest speaker at one of the FNA meetings. Another WD grad, nurse Betty Burns spoke at FNA initiation . . .

It was build tool rooms and paint shop walls and machinery for Metal Shoppers Ted Wells, Andy Antoninka, Steve McMaster, Ron Garda, Stan Moskala, Rich Snyder, Don Freeman, John Maholic, Larry McAdams . . . "Buy a Junior High Shop Club garden trowel" was the cry of Ron Duncan, Fran Zonarich, Dick Kirsch, Jim Holland, Mike Youra, Chuck Tabacchi, Len Grebeck.



WE STAND FOR LAW AND ORDER—Hall Patrol members, the watchdogs of the corridors, included, *front row*, Maureen Atkinson, Bessie Craig, Joyce Romack, Theresa Miller, Daisie Skidmore, and Janet Swanhart. *Second row*, Jim Grottenthaler, Jack Capello, Tony Busin, Ted Wells, Joe Halovanic, John Uchic. *Third row*, Jim Barnett, Terry Wienskovich, Bill Capello. *Fourth row*, Bill Gray, Joe Rieg, Joe Gizienski, Greg Georgieff, Lou Kirchner, Joe Yourish. *Back row*, Bill Hartman, Tom Mawhinney, Ron McAdams, Rege Massack, Earl Fish.

NEW FINDINGS—Enthusiastic Science Club members gather around Mr. Andriko to view the circulatory system of a frog which is being magnified by means of a microscopic projector. Science Club meetings gave students an additional range of knowledge beyond the classroom. *In front* are Bob Gestrich, Jean Prymak, Lou Radonovich, Dave Ranker, Ron Halovanic. *Back row*, Mike Salomon, Gene Valerio, Alan Michael.



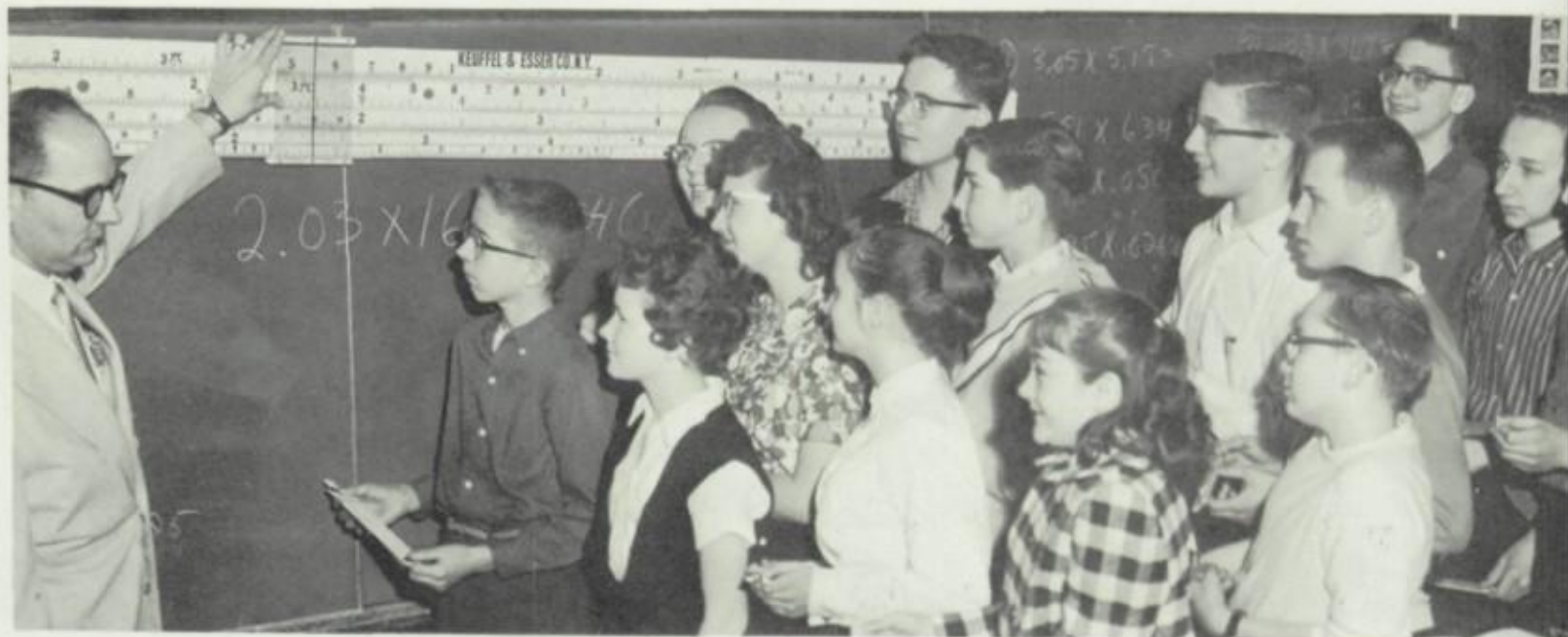
Hobbies

HOW ARE THINGS GOING? — Junior Student Congress members report on the progress of the magazine campaign held annually to provide a college scholarship for some worthy West Deer student. *Seated around table, from left, are sponsor Mr. Siegel, JoAnn Hilla, Paula Gordon, Dave Kashlak, Jim Ellison, Tom Kasunic, Paul Rawlins. Standing, Leroy Beckes, Rich Poletunow, Len Brudney, Jim Cunningham.*



EVERYONE'LL HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS (Left) — Carrying cans of food donated by West Deer students, senior Student Congress members set out to distribute them to needy families throughout the township. The humanitarian effort is a yearly project of the group. Congress members include, *sitting, Sally Rymer, Kathy Scott, Theresa Malic. Standing, Sonny Brudney, Jack Thomas, Joe Rieg, Joe Halovanic, Art Broge, Bill Gray, Bob Beitko, Nancy George.*

NOW WATCH HOW I DO IT (Below) — Students observe closely as Mr. Acciai adjusts the giant slide rule's cursor. They in turn will duplicate the movement on their own slide rules. Slide Rule Club members included Kim Stevenson, Cheryl Bohn, Bernie Dobrowski, Carol Schneider, Mildred Kratz, Fran Zonarich, Gary Johns, Carol Baumgartel, Leo Zilla, Ken Sukanovich, John Siekerski, Gary Simonetti, Don Bobish, Ron Ellena.





CAREFUL WITH THOSE AIR BUBBLES (Above) — Irene Venesky, Jan Swanhart, Theresa Miller, and Elaine Collier carefully fill the syringes with one-half cc of tetanus serum. By aiding Mrs. Yeloushan in such areas as shot programs, the Future Nurses prepared themselves when they will proudly attach "R.N." after their names. (Right) West Deer took on a hospital-like atmosphere when the annual initiation of the Future Nurses Club was held. Taking part in the ceremonies were, *first row*, Jean Prymak, Margie Costello, Theresa Miller, Anna Marie Papriski, Nancy Mallinson. *Second row*, Miss Lambert, their sponsor, Joan Burdek, Arlene Marshall, Jan Swanhart, Barb Burdek, Marie Guerrieri.



...Future Nurses, Teachers



LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS — Officers and members of the Home Ec Club's social committee hold a meeting to discuss the proposed trip to Mars Orphanage. From left are Lee McDonald, Margie Pivni, Barb Burns, Daisie Skidmore, Barb Grill, Virginia McCall, Gerri Hudon, Pat McCoy, Kathy Makuta, Bonnie Lager, Jeanne Lytle.



CANDLELIGHT CEREMONIES—In the traditional candlelight ceremony, Sue Gall, Helen Dawson, Joy Swanhart, Fran Graham, and Nancy George became official members of the Future Teachers of America.

Received Their Start...

FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA—*Seated, from left, are Mrs. DiGirolamo, club sponsor, Ellen Wetzel, Linda Bongiovanni, Arlene Zonarich, Leah Bryan, Dee Charney, Sue Hartz, and Johanna Consolaro. Standing, Sandi D'Amico, Nancy George, Linda Girdwood, Patty Shurina, Mary Buydoso, Joy Swanhart, Greg Georgieff, Joe Yourish, Chris Hodges, Elaine Oswald, Alice Marshall, Lois Tomiczek, Sue Gall, Fran Graham, Helen Dawson.*



Leisure Time Talents Were Developed



HANDYMEN — The handymen of the school are these Metal Shop Club members. *Front row*, John Rebrey, Rich Snyder, Dave Seibert, John Agnic, Dick Kirsch, Mike Leggens. *Second row*, Fran Zonarich, Larry McAdams, Leroy Beckes, John Maholic, Ted Wells, Andy Antoninka, Joe Rieg, Mr. DiMarco. *Third row*, Stan Moskala, Jim Holland, Ron Duncan.

BUILDERS — Anything from knife racks to houses (bird houses, that is!) were constructed by the ambitious members of the Wood Shop Club. Members included, *front row*, Rege Massack, Ron Micklow, Ron McAdams, Joe Gizienski, Mr. Kernan. *Back row*, Bud McDonald, Terry Wienskovich, Don Fry, Ed Schultz, Mike Hilla, Fred Mohar, Tom Mawhinney, Bob Kirchner, Earl Fish.





EVEN ROBIN HOOD PRACTICED—Archery Club members found that the first requisite to becoming a Robin Hood was to carefully observe the sponsor's instructions. Then it's practice, practice, practice. Kneeling are Dave Kashlak, Tom Ball, Dave Ivy. Standing, Mr. Graff, Susie Phillips, Bruce Boody, Bill Thornton, Mary Pat Payne, Diane Johns, Cathy Crummy, and Trudi Hartz.



NEWS HAWKS—A new club at West Deer this term was the Press Club. Members learned as much as they could about the various news media. All members also got on-the-job experience by working as news carriers. Their other projects included weekly meetings, sports, and trips. Members were, *front*, Butch Makuta, Buzz Gornick, Norm Lovic, Chuck Wilkins, Tom Kelly, Rich Boyle. *Middle row*, Don Simonetti, Bob Hazlett, Mr. Angeloni. *Back row*, Frank Goedel, Ron Lassinger, Tom Buttyan, Gary Simonetti, Len Navarro, Ken Sukanovich.

Inspiration...

Service...

Culture...

MOST ACTIVE—The Youth for Christ Club was one of the newest and most active clubs at West Deer High this year. They climaxed an eventful year of rallies, guest speakers, and fun-spirations with a trip to the national convention in Washington, D. C. Among those who attended the convention were, *front row*, Jim Cunningham, club treasurer; Linda Girdwood, president; Cheryl Hess, vice-president; Arlene Marshall, secretary. *Middle row*, Elaine Oswald, Alice Marshall, Marie Guerrieri, Betty Seibert, Lois Tomiczek, Joyce Monnier. *Back row*, Charlene Cunningham, Ginger Kenyon, Marion Kenyon, Rich Gilson, Bill Manifold, Dave McMaster, Herm Dillner, and Mr. Monnier, sponsor. The WD club was cited as the outstanding group in the area during a YFC rally in Pittsburgh.



MAY WE HELP YOU?—Checking out books, locating reference material, repairing books, taking inventory are all in a day's work for the personable library assistants. Serving as assistants this year were Gloria Skillen, Helen Dawson, Maureen Atkinson, Leah Bryan, Eileen Pierce, Arlene Marshall, Jan Swanhart, Jan Rusnak, Arlene Zonarich, Diane Schwartz, Dian Bassett.

FRENCH CLUB PAYS OFF—Mr. Formento, club sponsor, and Chuck Krusac congratulate "bango" winners Dave Ranker, Diane Cheskey, and Leah Bryan, while club officers Greg Georgieff and Chris Hodges bemoan their poor luck. Recently arriving from Yugoslavia, Chuck became an ardent admirer of West Deer High and its amiable students.





THEY'LL HANG US FOR SURE!—Sandi D'Amico, one of the chief *Antler* writers, checks out a school scoop with cautious Mr. Lavrich, faculty adviser. Frank Matko diligently applies himself to perfecting a headline.



THEY MUST BE KIDDING—Terry Lamperski, Leah Bryan, and Ann Latronica chuckle over a gag newspaper headline. Deadline day around the Publications Room would have made anyone think the headline was actually not a gag but the real thing.

Presses Roll Again: *Antler* Exposes All

After five months of quiet, the ol' *Antler* presses began to roll again in January. This time it was Mr. Lavrich who came to the rescue, replacing Mr. Angeloni who had served as faculty adviser for five years.

Editor Leah Bryan, an experienced newshound, headed the gang-busting staff that left few stones

untuned on the West Deer High School scene.

At the completion of the school term, new editorial and business heads were announced. Editor-in-chief will be Sandi D'Amico, assisted by managing editor Terry Lamperski and business manager Ann Latronica.



CLOSE-KNIT ORGANIZATION—It takes numerous dedicated people, some skilled in reporting, in business, in typing, to turn out a first-rate school newspaper. Energetic *Antler* staffers included, front row, Tom Griffith, Tony Busin, George Lavrich, Dian Bassett, Mabel Schroth, Ethel Cowfer. Middle row, Dee Charney, Donna Allen, Dee Puskarich. Back row, Lynne White, Darlene Fryer, Audrey Evanega, Kathy Scott, Barb Burdek, Marianne Boch, Loretta Eversole, Bev London, Theresa Malic.

'60 Coalagra Product of Devoted Staff

Hard work, devoted staff members, frustrations, missed deadlines, 1,743 pictures, some fun — mix them all together and they partially tell the production story of the 1960 West Deer High School COALAGRA, the school's official yearbook.

Pat Makuta was the hard-hitting (especially when she threw her shoes) editor-in-chief of the 16th annual edition. Arlene Zonarich was major domo of the treasury as business manager.

Providing inspiration (complete with whip and barnyard humor) to meet the printer's deadline demands was Mr. Angeloni, renowned publication adviser. And as expected, for the sixth consecutive year Mr. Angeloni threatened to resign as adviser and spend the rest of his days lounging with the rest of his cronies in the men's faculty room.

Almost all the scenes pictured in this book were taken by the COALAGRA camera crew headed by Mr. Angeloni, Jim Zachousky, and Tom Griffith.

Ellen Wetzel served as junior editor and janitor pacifier — especially during those momentous days when Mr. Reed hinted eviction would come if he found another nail on any of the wood in the Publications Room. (We always got blamed for the crimes committed by *The Antler* staff.)

Bubba Grebeck was another key worker for the COALAGRA this year. We don't quite remember what she did — but we do recall she was great in helping to hold down the editor when the staff attempted to photograph her. However, as you notice from this book, the editor proved too strong and she went unphotographed.

Freshmen Bev Rearick and John Merli are responsible for a majority of ads found in this yearbook and thus were key factors in keeping the '60 COALAGRA financially secure. Bud McDonald and Arnold Booth also were key salesmen, along with Butch Makuta, a 7th grader, who shook down his relatives.

A crew of senior homeroom salesmen accounted for the booming circulation this year — two more than the previous year since both the editor and adviser had to shell over. In the crew were such notables as Killer Sabatini, Bill Hartman, Linda Bongiovanni, Andy Antoninka, Maureen Atkinson, Loretta Eversole, Jim Grottenthaler, Tom Mawhinney, and Leon Lawrence.

Since this was the first year the COALAGRA covered a complete school term, a great deal of summer work was required. In addition to the regulars, many faithful hours were put in by Ann Latronica (the one who was always eating), Joan DeKleva, Nancy George, Joyce Edgar, and anyone else who ventured within 100-yards of the Publications Room.

In brief, that's about how this gathering of events of the 1959-60 term was put together. We sure hope you enjoy it — just as much now as when you show it to your grandchildren!



PLANNING IS A MUST—The first important lesson COALAGRA staff members learn is that very imperative are general meetings for the purpose of comparing ideas and planning.

ON-THE-BALL STAFF—Next in importance is a selection of a wide-awake, ball-of-fire, rarin'-to-go aggressive looking staff members.





ALWAYS LOADED—COALAGRA photographers were noted for never missing a picture. That's because they always checked the camera before assignments to make sure it had a flashbulb in it.



JUST SLIGHTLY OFF, E.J.!!—E. J. Wetzel was mistress of the COALAGRA guillotine this year and she was cited for her exceptional ability for cropping pictures in the most unorthodox pattern ever seen in yearbook history.



GREAT FILING SYSTEM—No staff member will ever forget the superb filing system devised by the COALAGRA. Above scene was memorable in that it marked the day Bubba Grebeck found the long-lost undergraduate pictures—right where they were filed, of course, under the editor's desk!



ALWAYS ON THE SPOT—Most yearbook advisers are noted for their outstanding ability in graphic arts. Mr. Angeloni's main talent was fixing the COALAGRA's lone typewriter every time the screw fell out. Equipped with can opener, scissors, ice pick, screw driver, and Masters Degree, he was always there when needed.



KEPT UP TO DATE—COALAGRA photographers kept up to date in latest advances in the field of photography by attending several important photo conventions. Now their parents can see why they got home so late!

HARD WORK—As everyone knows, being a yearbook staff member is just plain hard work. Things get hectic just around deadline time. That's when everyone pitches in and really goes to work.



HOLD ON TO YOUR WALLET—Did you ever wonder why things were so fouled up in yearbook sales this year? Well, this group of shysters, with the come-hither-and-pay-for-your-yearbook tantalizing type of smile, is the reason. Last we heard, business manager Arlene Zonarich was living the life at some resort.



Football:

How do you sum up the '59 season at West Deer High? Well, the best way would be to say "we really scared the big ones but lost to the little ones."

A look at the overall record (3 wins, 7 losses) would hardly tell the true story of a rough-tough campaign jammed with countless thrills. It really doesn't tell of the sensational 12-7 upset of Freeport . . . of the near misses to Springdale and Plum, the league leaders . . . of the first win in history over Ford City.

Things looked roseey when the campaign commenced with a 19-13 triumph over Hampton. Bullet Bill Capello, one of A-K's greatest in his junior year, put on a spectacular show by romping for three TD's, 30, 40, and 12 yards, and capped it by kicking an extra-point.

Any plans for a big season was squelched the next week, however, when Arnold renewed its old jinx over WD with a 19-0 shut-out. More troubles were in store the following Friday night when the Braves out-gained Aspinwall 245 to 98 yards but lost by an extra-point, 13-12. Veteran Ray Pieranunzi scored one for WD, from 15 yards out, and Bill Capello the other, a short plunge after some nice running by rookie Don Vidic.

Probably the most enjoyed victory of the year was

SEE HERE, MEN!—Coach Karcis describes strategy for the night's game as the team members listen intently. Karcis, better known as the "Bull" of famed Carnegie Tech teams of past years, was head coach at West Deer during the 1957-58-59 seasons. Early this year he resigned his post here and accepted a position with the New Kensington school district.

1959 FOOTBALL BRAVES—First row, sitting, from left, Augie Smarra, Bob Salmon, Don Freeman, Duffy Murray, Howard Suhan, Rich Paszek, Dave Nagy, Rich Sproul. Second row, John Paholich, Martin Stopchuck, Terry Wienskovich, Ray Pieranunzi, Bill Capello, Tony Busin, Stan Brudney, Jim Barnett, Stan Paszek, Andy Ross. Third row, Fred Mohar, Mike Salomon, Pete Biagi, Ray Cushman, Jack Capello, Chuck Peckham, Nick Kamzalow, Joe Chelpanoff, Sparky Batcher, Don Vidic. Last row, Dick Simonetti, Bill Spondike, Bob Grunden, Ron Sabatini, Jack Allsop, Ron Rearick, Ed Valenti, John Zenewicz, Art Broge.



We Scared the Big Ones, Lost to the Little Ones

the 34-12 rout of Ford City. It was the first time in scholastic football history that any Brave team defeated the Glassers. Don Freeman scored his first varsity TD in that game, 18 yards around end. Other goal line penetrations were made by Capello, 16 and 18 yards, and Vidic, two short plunges.

After suffering a 27-7 setback at Dreshar Stadium, Tarentum, the Braves rebounded in stellar fashion to really scare Plum, one of the outstanding teams of the year, before bowing out 14-12. Pieranunzi scored both WD tallies on short runs.

In the most unusual game of many seasons, Coach Karcis' Braves really jolted the local scholastic grid picture with a 12-7 upset over Freeport. The extravaganza was played on a water-flooded field during a constant downpour. The win was significant since it marked the first time since 1952 that a WD team was able to defeat Freeport. Capello sloshed 10 yards for the first TD and then hung on to a pass from Dick Simonetti and paddled the remaining 20 yards for the winning six-pointer late in the last quarter.

In the annual battle for the Antler Trophy, the verdict went to East Deer by a 16-6 count. Again top caliber football and good sportsmanship on the part of both schools highlighted the exciting battle. Brightest part of the game for WD was a 55-yard touchdown pass play. Vidic pitched 13 yards to Bob Grunden who raced the remaining 42 yards. It was Grunden's first varsity TD and a tip-off that the burley junior end will be tough in the season to come.

Ironically, the best game of the year was the near-upset of Springdale, the league champions. The visiting Dynamos, undefeated in seven games, appeared stunned over the rugged defensive line play mustered by the Braves' front wall. However, they were able to keep their undefeated skein intact and squeezed past WD, 20-14. Capello scored his last two TD's of a brilliant high school football career, going 29 and 5 yards.

1959 Season's Scores

West Deer over Hampton,	19-13
Arnold over West Deer,	19-0
Aspinwall over West Deer,	13-12
West Deer over Ford City,	34-12
Tarentum over West Deer,	27-7
Plum over West Deer,	14-12
West Deer over Freeport,	12-7
East Deer over West Deer,	16-6
Springdale over West Deer,	20-14
Oakmont over West Deer,	33-0

Totals: West Deer won 3, Lost 7



HOW'S THE LINE PLAY—Coach Dave Whartenby, assistant varsity coach, checks with a spotter in the tower to determine effectiveness of line play. Whartenby was appointed head coach of the West Deer team for the '60 season. A conscientious and determined leader, he will be one of the youngest head coaches in the A-K Valley.

MEN BEHIND THE MEN—Unsung heroes of a football season at West Deer are the student managers. These boys, supervised by equipment manager Joe Bohatch, take care of countless duties connected with keeping a team supplied and in tip-top playing condition. The WD crew includes, from left, Ron McAdams, Ron Halovanic, Jerry Porter, Leroy Buttyan, Steve McMaster and Joe Bohatch.





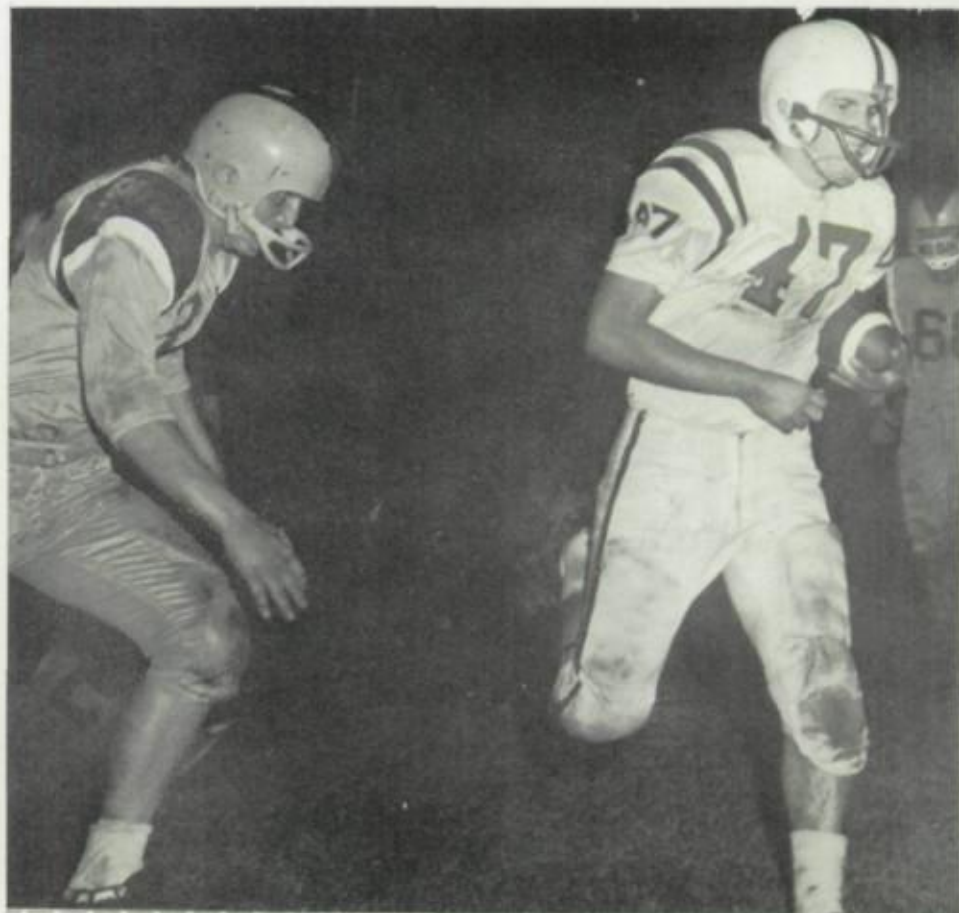
SEE HERE, DICK—Coach Karcis gives some hurried instructions to quarterback Dick Simo-netti during the Freeport game. It must have been the right advice, for Dick went in and threw a 20-yard pass to Capello. It resulted in a TD and a surprise upset of the Yellowjackets.

GO, GET 'EM—A mark of a real all-star player in football is what he contributes to the whole team effort. Sometimes that effort is contributed at the line of battle; other times from the sidelines.



Torrid Action, Har

THERE GOES RAY—A workhorse member of the WD backfield and one of the leading ground gainers for the past three seasons was Ray Pieranunzi, No. 47. Ray was second only to Capello as the leading point producer of the year.



VIDIC GOES FOR YARDAGE (Left) — Pile driving Don Vidic, junior fullback, emerged as football "Rookie Player of the Year." The junior fullback tallied two TD's and an extra point in his first year of varsity ball. Unless injuries which he sustained late in the season continue to plague him, Vidic may be the key to WD's offensive in the '60 season.

ONE OF THE BEST (Right) — It will be a long time before WD grid fans ever forget the sight of No. 43, Bill Capello, and his super-sonic runs for touchdowns. Capello etched his name among all-time WD football greats by ranking in the top ten of A-K Valley scorers two years in a row. He scored 150 points in two years of active varsity ball.

unning Spark Season

BIRD'S EYE VIEW — Coach Schultz, assistant coach and strategy spotter, and John Falconer view action from their perch in the press booth. From this vantage point Coach Schultz tips off the bench as to weak spots on both the offensive and defensive teams. Mr. Falconer, a long time friend of all at West Deer High, again served as play-by-play announcer.

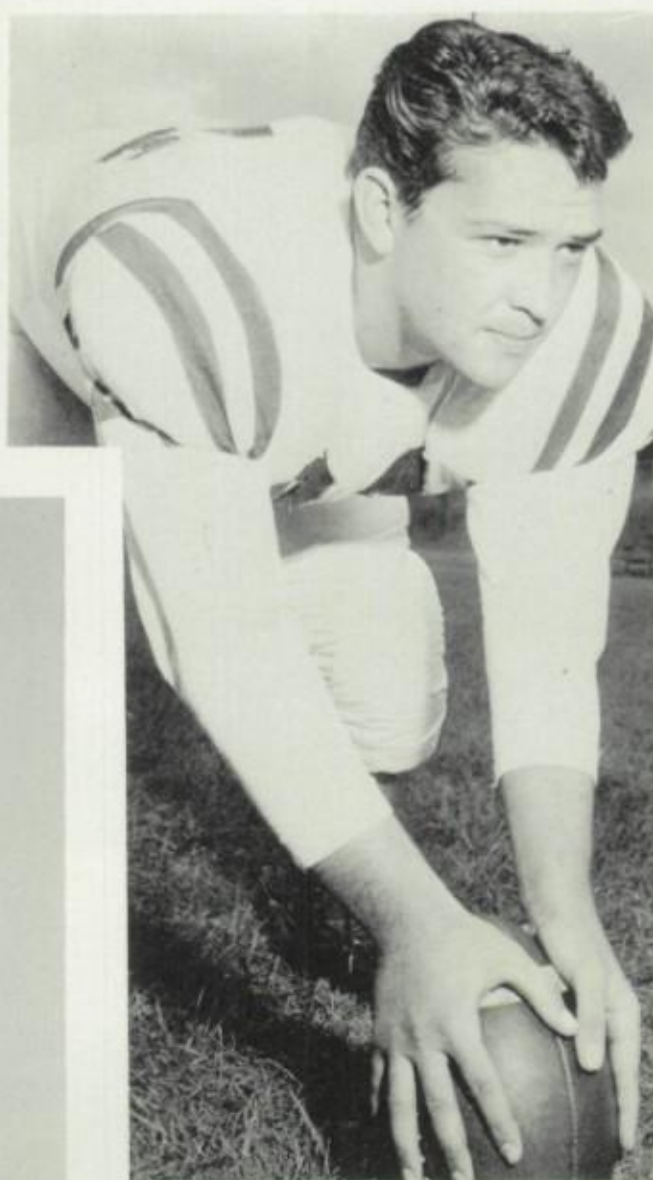




Senior Backfield — Dick Simonetti, Stan Brudney, Ray Pieranunzi, and Bill Capello.

SENIOR PLAYERS

Center Tony Busin



Center Ron Rearick



End Pete Biagi

End Ron Sabatini





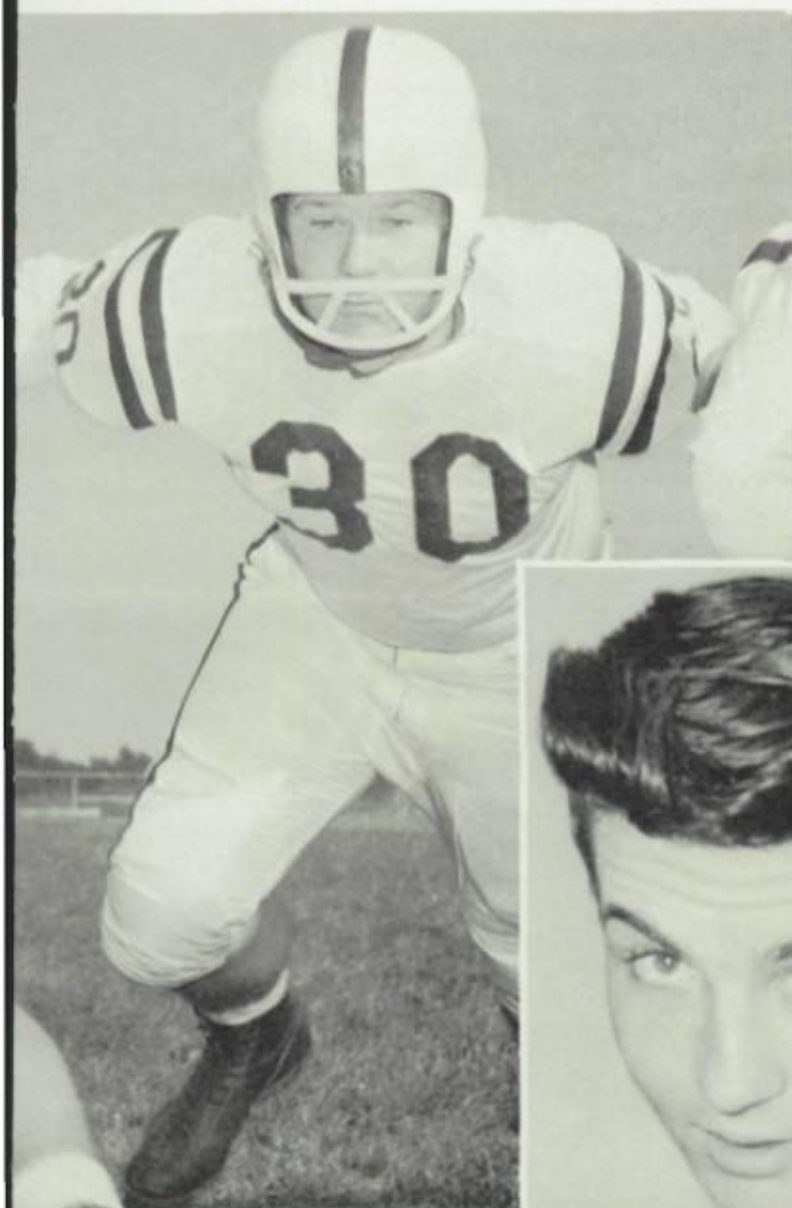
Tackle Stan Paszek



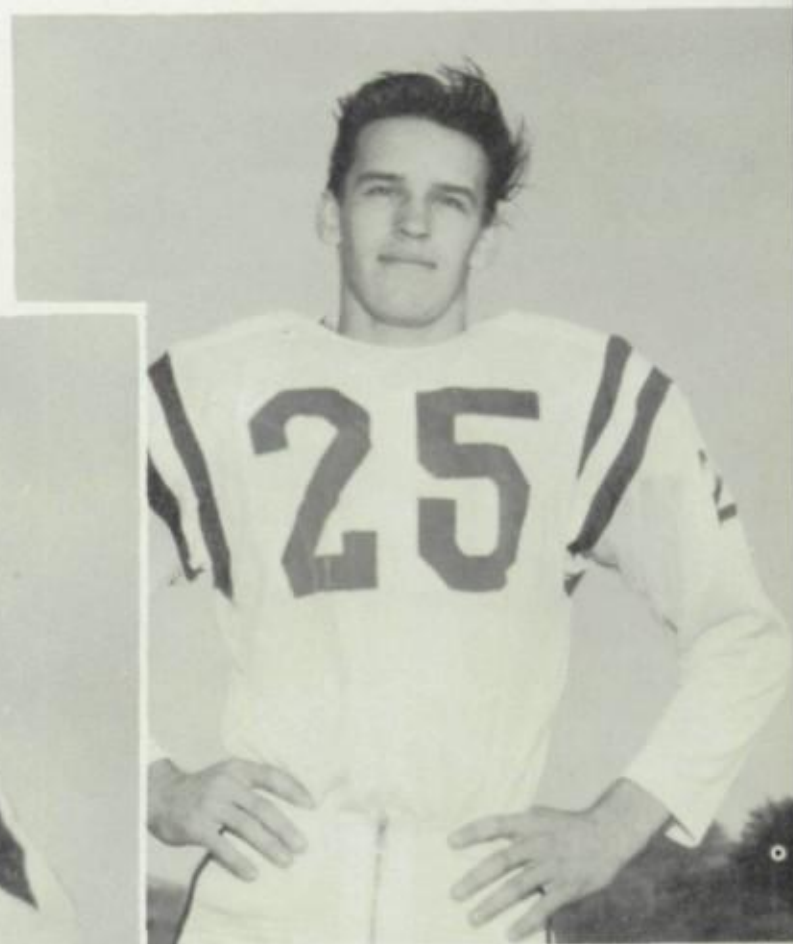
End Martin Stopchuck



Guard Jim Barnett



Tackle Ed Valenti



End Terry Wienskovich



Guard Art Broge

Jr. High Gridders Compile Best Record

There was a twinkle in the eyes of West Deer football fans as they watched the Junior High team come through with a record of three wins and one loss. The prospects for coming years looked good.

Victories were over Ken High, 47-6; Freeport, 14-7; and Springdale, 7-6. The only defeat was to Penn Hills, 14-0.

The season was sparked with some hard running on the part of Ron Trevellini, Tom Wells, and Bob Uchic; stellar pass receiving by Jim Cunningham and Barry Jamison; and some notable line play by Bob Paszek, John Merli, Len Navarro, Joe Zenewicz, and Tom Buttyan.

Most thrilling game of the year turned out to be the 7-6 upset over Springdale. Top ground gainer was Ron Trevellini who successfully bucked the center of the line for extensive yardage. The game was saved when Jim Cunningham knocked down an extra point

pass attempt by Springdale.

Bob Uchic ran wild in the 47-6 blasting of New Ken. He scored four times. Other touchdown getters were Tom Wells, Barry Jamison, and Cunningham.

PUNTS AND PASSES: The squad this year was again coached by WALT SCHULTZ, assisted by JOHN GROTTENTHALER. Their patience and ability in developing the young players has proved to be a tremendous asset to the varsity . . . Quarterback JOE PASKORZ and center TOM BUTTYAN were the only 8th graders who saw first string action. Both looked very impressive.

West Deer 47	New Ken 6
West Deer 14	Freeport 7
Penn Hills 14	West Deer 0
West Deer 7	Springdale 6

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL SQUAD—Front row, from left, Walt Paszek, Frank Scopel, Leo Zilla, Bob Garda, Jim Kinlar, Fred Walters, John Bassett, Brian Kristoff, Jim Cunningham. Second row, Earl Matko, Harry Riley, Leslie Nolker, Jim Ellison, Terry Bennett, Don Dur-ochia, Joe Paskorz, Bill Venesky, Walter Kaspryszyn, Mike Horchar, Chud Nolker, Ron Trevellini. Third row, Jim Miller, Bob Paholich, Tom Costello, Bob Uchic, Adam Kowalczyk, Bill Murray, Jerry Rebrey, John Merli, Jim Stewart, Joe Zenewicz, Dave Godlewski. Fourth row, Tom Sonnie, Bill Smay, Teddy Leggens, Dave Fry, Bob Rowe, Bob Paszek, John Rebrey, Tom Buttyan, Alan McKenny, Steve Nagy, Dan Jones. Fifth row, Ed Scopel, Mike O'Malley, Len Navarro, Ron Ellena, Gene Novack, Tom Bryan, Rich Dickson, John Eversole, Tom Wells, Dave Falconer, Ron Bennett.



All-Time Statistics

ALL-TIME WON AND LOST RECORD

YEAR	WON	LOST	TIED
<i>Under Coach Fred Schenley:</i>			
1944 (Non-League)	0	6	0
1945	1	7	0
<i>Under Coach Dick Burton:</i>			
1946	3	6	1
1947	4	5	1
1948	2	7	0
<i>Under Coach Vince Antonelli:</i>			
1949	7	1	2
1950	5	5	0
1951	4	5	0
1952	3	5	2
<i>Under Coach Joe Unites:</i>			
1953	2	8	0
1954	5	4	1
1955	6	3	1
1956	1	8	1
<i>Under Coach John Karcis:</i>			
1957	2	8	0
1958	4	6	0
1959	3	7	0
All-Time	52 Wins	91 defeats	9 ties



FAMOUS "BULL" OF WEST DEER GRIDIRON—Carl "Bull" Hazlett still holds the record for longest run for touchdown, 90 yards, by any West Deer football player. Carl, president of the West Deer Class of '56, went on to star in football at the University of Arizona. He and his wife, a co-ed whom he met at Arizona, both were graduated this year from the university. Carl has been accepted in the university's law school.

WEST DEER ALL-TIME FOOTBALL RECORDS

LONGEST RUN FOR TOUCHDOWN: Carl Hazlett, 1955, 90 yards with punt return.
MOST POINTS SCORED BY INDIVIDUAL PLAYER IN ONE GAME: Jim Nagy, 1957, 32 points against Mars High School.
MOST TOUCHDOWNS IN ONE SEASON: Merle "Tucci" Allen, 1948, 18 touchdowns.
MOST POINTS BY AN INDIVIDUAL IN ONE SEASON: Merle Allen, 1949, 118 points.
BEST SEASON'S RECORD: In 1949 under Coach Antonelli, 7 wins, 1 loss, 2 ties.
MOST CONSECUTIVE WINS IN ONE SEASON: In 1955, 4 in a row.
LARGEST SCORE EVER RUN UP AGAINST AN OPPONENT: 46-14 over Edfra in 1958.
LARGEST SCORE EVER RUN UP AGAINST WEST DEER: 52-22 by Oakmont in 1958.



THE WAY WE USED TO DO IT—Jim Nagy's famed No. 48 football togs still hang in West Deer's hall-of-fame and his name will never be forgotten. He established a school record of scoring 32 points in one game in 1957 and went on to rank as the top scorer in the entire Alle-Kiski Valley. Jim, who remains active in the sports world by managing a Little League baseball team, humorously shows how he used to pitch 'em to team-mate Bill Burns, West Deer '58, back in the good ole' days at West Deer.



OUR LITTLE GIRL — Like all parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Matze find it difficult to believe that the little girl who once made mud pies has grown up into a lovely young lady, chosen by her class to reign over Homecoming ceremonies. Visitors commented on the marked resemblance between Queen Elaine and her attractive mother. Dad Matze just beamed.

Queen Elaine Matze

Is Homecoming Choice

Beautiful, effervescent, amiable — put all those familiar Hollywood adjectives together and they spell out Elaine Matze, the senior miss chosen by her classmates to be the 1959 Homecoming Queen.

Being chosen Homecoming Queen is a particular honor at West Deer since it represents the first of the queen titles awarded by the class during the year.

To serve as attendants, the choices of the underclassmen were Barbara Grebeck, junior; Gerri Hudon, sophomore; Barbara Burns, freshman; Paulette Bongiovanni, 8th grade; and Judy Georgic, 7th grade.

Queen Elaine and her attendants rode onto the field in a shiny, open-top convertible. After traveling through the honor corridor of the band, the group went on to the center of the field where the Queen received her crown from Ed Valenti, captain of the football team. They then viewed the game and later reigned at the Homecoming Dance.

Queen Elaine was the fourth to receive the Homecoming Queen crown. In 1956 the Queen was Judy Zonarich; 1957, Louise Mennow; and 1958, Elaine Pennington.



I MUST BE DREAMING — As they ride past the band honor guard, Queen Elaine and Gerri Hudon wonder if they aren't dreaming, for every senior girl dreams of becoming homecoming queen. But a resounding cheer from the crowd assured them this was really happening.



GOOD LUCK FOR THE BRAVES (Above) — By autographing the game's football, Queen Elaine guaranteed in writing a victory for WD. Captain Ed Valenti just hoped the tradition would pan out true.



THE ROYAL COURT — Queen Elaine and her attendants review their subjects during the Homecoming Dance after the game. Seated are Barbara Grebeck, Queen Elaine, Gerri Hudon. Standing, Barbara Burns, Paulette Bongiovanni, and Judy Georgic.



VARSITY BASKETBALL SQUAD—Front row, Mike Micklow, Carl Potensky, Stan Brudney, Duffy Murray, Rich Field. Back row, Dennis Makuta, Dave Phillips, Ron Mohar, Coach James Marsili, Bob Grunden, Don Vidic, Bill Gray. Missing from picture is Lou Kirchner who was injured early in the season. In front of the players is the trophy won at the Sharpsburg tournament.

Basketball: Trophy and Upsets

Another see-saw type of season marked the 1959-60 basketball campaign in which the Braves of Coach Jim Marsili racked up a 9 and 13 ledger.

Even though it was a losing season, the West Deer cagers came through with their share of the limelight and an occasional upset which kept the league pace-setters always uneasy.

Winning the runner-up championship trophy at the Sharpsburg holiday tournament proved to be one of the highlights of the year. Junior Bob Grunden, playing his second year of varsity ball, was individually honored in that event by being voted Most Valuable Player.

Fans rated the two big upsets, over Freeport 57-39 and over Tarentum 70-61, among the most thrilling games of the year. Both came in the latter stages of the season and gave an indication that the Braves could muster a winning combination in the coming year.

For the second consecutive year, Stan Brudney led all scorers with a total of 294 points. This established a new two-year individual school record at West Deer of 666 points for Stan. Bob Grunden, although out of action in two games because of injuries, was runner-up with 290 points; Duffy Murray, 209; Carl Potensky, 146; Don Vidic, who missed most of the season because of injuries, 75; Bill Gray, 40; Rich Field, 31; Ron Mohar, 24; and Dennis Makuta, 10.

East Deer	54	West Deer	46
West Deer	71	Verona	58
West Deer	46	Shaler	44
West Deer	55	Aspinwall	42
Kittanning	59	West Deer	39
West Deer	51	East Deer	47
West Deer	73	Verona	56
West Deer	57	Leechburg	36*
Springdale	78	West Deer	37*
West Deer	43	Oakmont	41*
Freeport	64	West Deer	35*
Arnold	71	West Deer	57*
Tarentum	64	West Deer	49*
Plum	85	West Deer	67*
Richland	53	West Deer	43
Leechburg	64	West Deer	58*
Springdale	86	West Deer	45*
Oakmont	46	West Deer	35*
West Deer	57	Freeport	39*
Arnold	74	West Deer	68*
West Deer	70	Tarentum	61*
Plum	67	West Deer	53*

*Denotes League Games
West Deer Won 9, Lost 13

*Oh for the Life
of a
Basketball Coach!!*

" . . . If I've told them once I've told them a thousand times!"



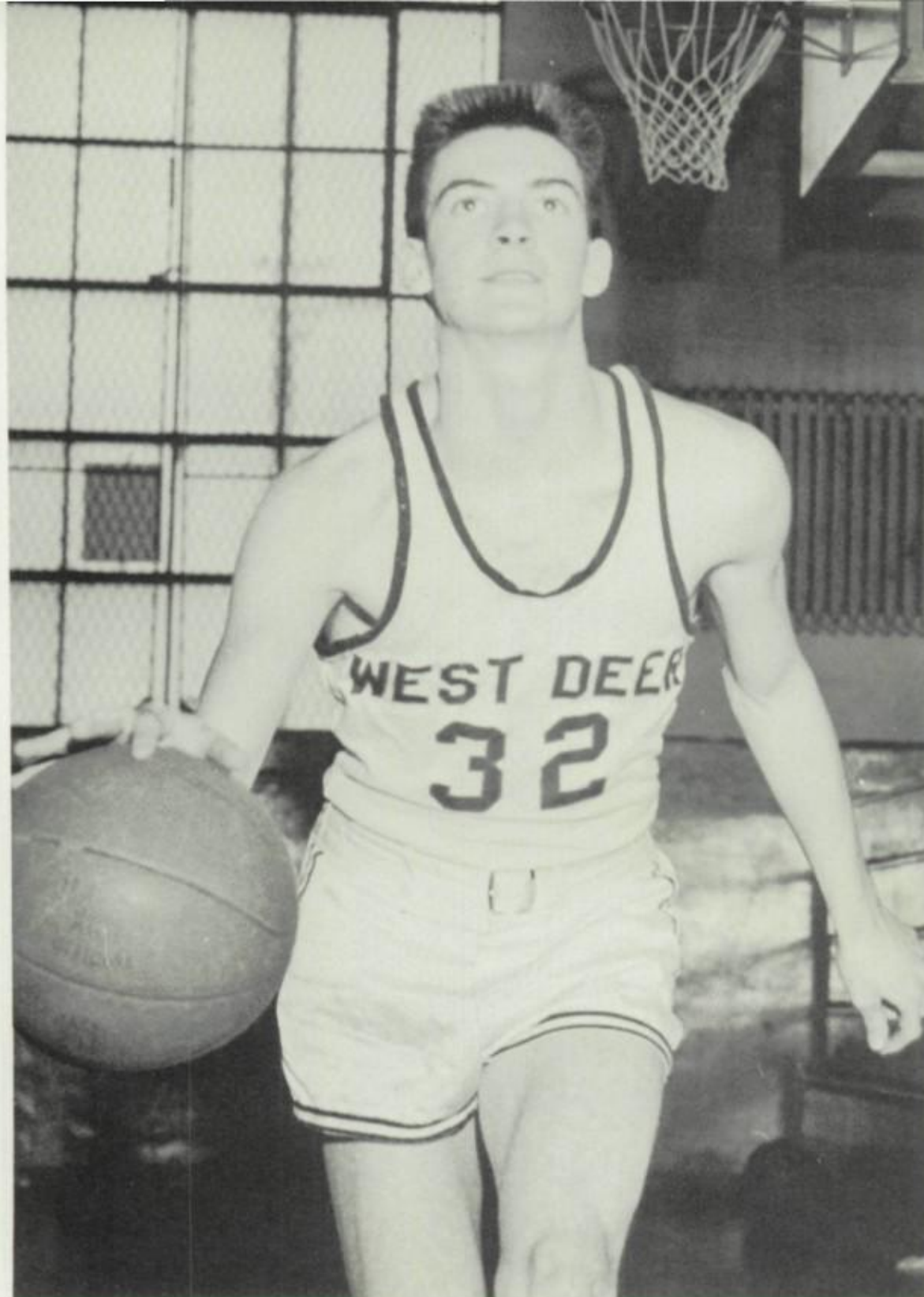
" . . . Time out, Ref. This has gotta' cease."

" . . . Now fellows, I don't particularly like to criticize, but . . . "



"Ya-hoe! I knew all along they could do it!"

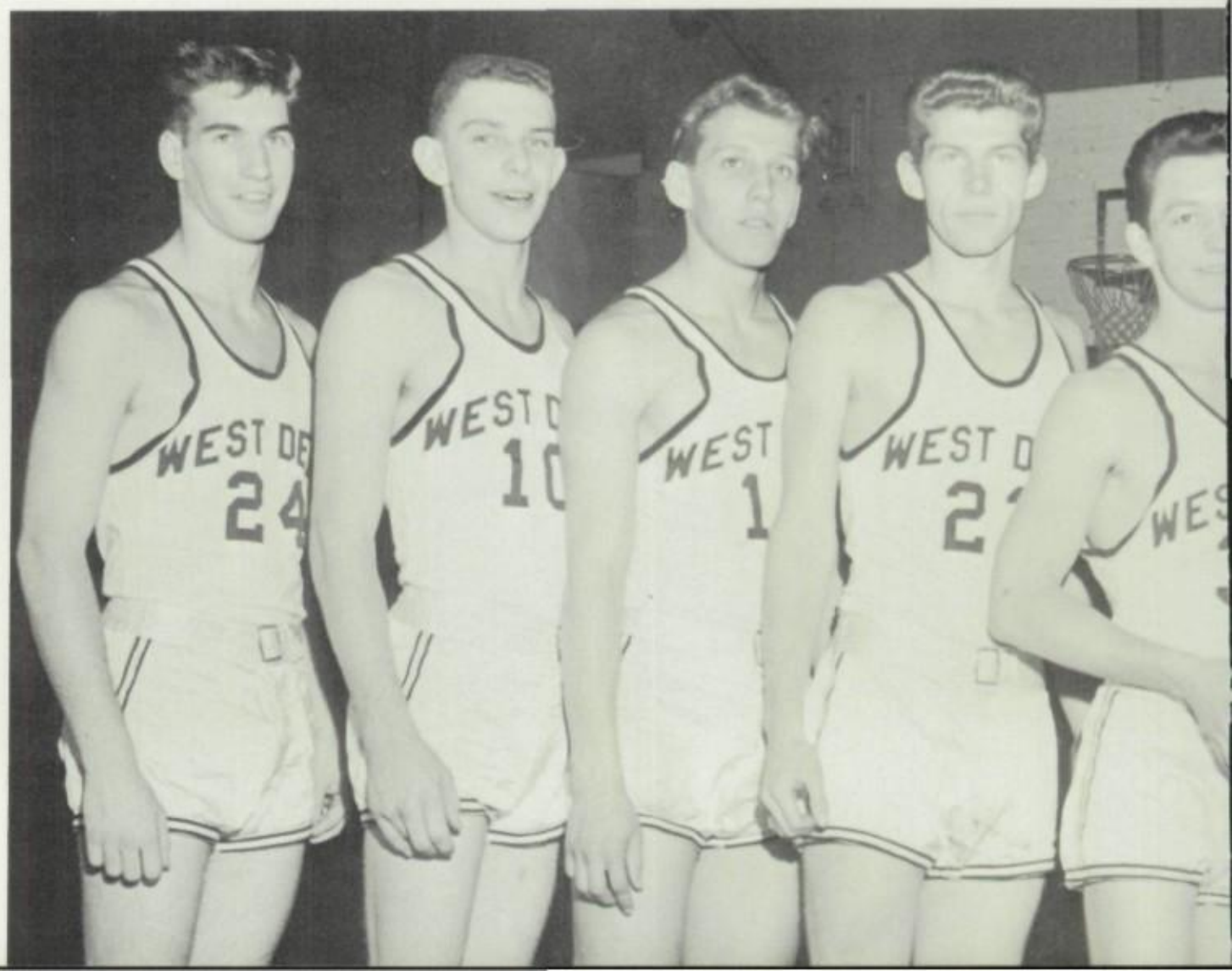




Old Pros, Future Greats Turned In Good Showing

ANOTHER GREAT ONE—John "Duffy" Murray this past season became the latest of the many Murray sports greats who have performed for West Deer athletic teams. Duffy, a junior playing his first season of varsity ball, emerged third highest scorer with 209 points. He had a one game high of 26 and hit for 10 or more markers in 11 games.

SENIORS—One of the biggest jobs facing Coach Marsili when the '60-61 season opens will be replacement of the five graduating seniors. Missing via the graduation route will be, from left, Dennis Makuta, Bill Gray, Stan Brudney, Ron Mohar, and Carl Potensky.





THE GREATEST—The name Stanley "Sonny" Brudney will forever mean the ultimate in West Deer High School sports. In his junior year Sonny established a new individual scoring record with a total of 372 points in one season. This year his addition of 294 points during the regular season gave him a two-year mark of 666, also a school record. When the season concluded, Sonny took part in two district all-star games.

HEADING HIGH—The promotion of sophomore Dave Phillips from junior varsity to varsity mid-way during the season indicated that Coach Marsili expects some big things from this conscientious athlete in the days ahead. During the year Dave cleared the baskets for some 130 points. Sports writers predict that one more year of varsity experience will enable him to rank among the best.



MADE HIS MARK—Rangy, alert Bob Grunden even exceeded some of the predictions made of him in earlier years. This season the flashy junior ranked as second highest scorer with 290 points, just four short of the leader, Stan Brudney. He did account for the highest individual one-game total, 30 against Verona. This was just two points under the school record of 32 held by Ray Gaul. In only three games during the year was Bob held to less than nine points. In 14 games he scored in the double figures. Bob's individual totals would probably have been more impressive except for the fact that he missed playing in two games because of injuries.



Thrills in Basketball

Come One a Minute



HARD ON MOM, TOO—If you think the players have a hard time you should see what their moms go through during a close game. In upper photo, Mrs. Grunden, extreme left, mother of Bob Grunden, suffers agony as the Braves miff one. However, there's joy again, lower photo, when the boys come through. Seated next to Mrs. Grunden is Mrs. Brudney, mother of Stan Brudney, another faithful WD rooter.



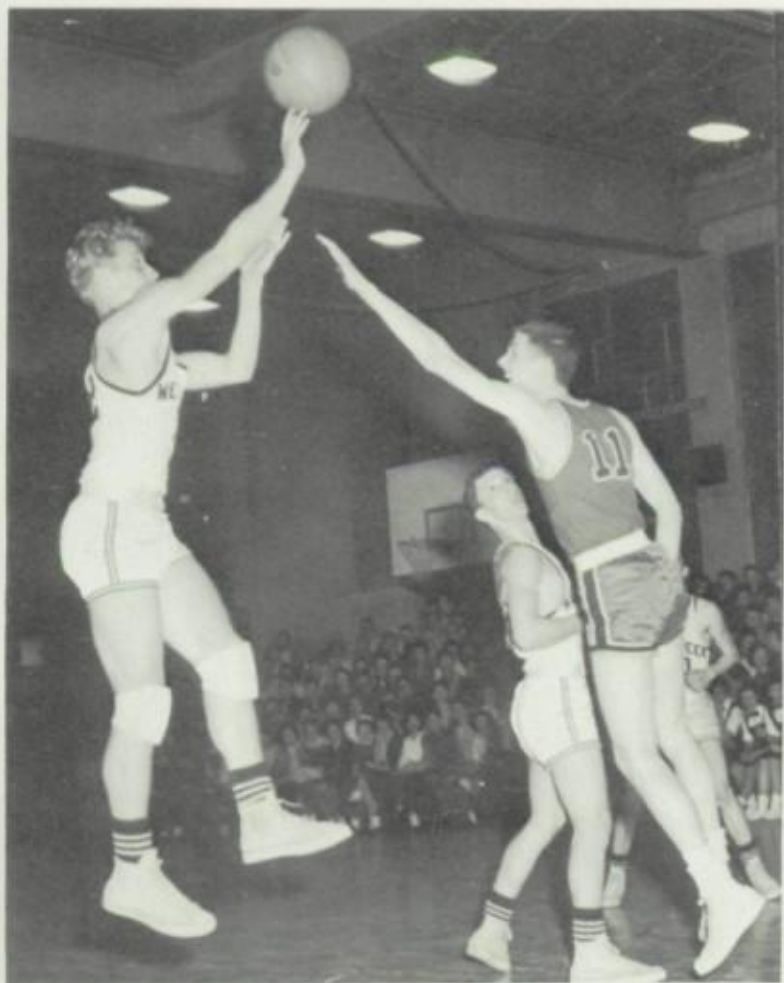
BOTTLED—Carl Potensky had to rely on his special high-jumping shoes to get clear of these three Oakmont players attempting to halt his try for a basket.



DUFFY DRIVES (right) —John "Duffy" Murray eludes a Tarentum player in hot pursuit to deposit a layup. Opponents referred to Duffy as the "jungle cat" because of his rapid reflexes.



COME TO ME—Bob Grunden (42) seems to be teasing a frustrated opponent. Actually, the high speed lens of a COALAGRA photographer captured this scene just as the ball was in mid-air.



TWO MORE FOR SONNY — Stan Brudney goes for two with his famous one-hand jump shot.



GANG WAY—This twisting shot on the run past the key hole became Carl Potensky's trademark.

THAT'S CARL ON TOP—Once again it was Potensky, WD's economy sized retriever, who out-jumped them all under the basket.



DUNKING IT — Bob Grunden reaches all the way to the 10-foot high rim to deposit a lay-up.



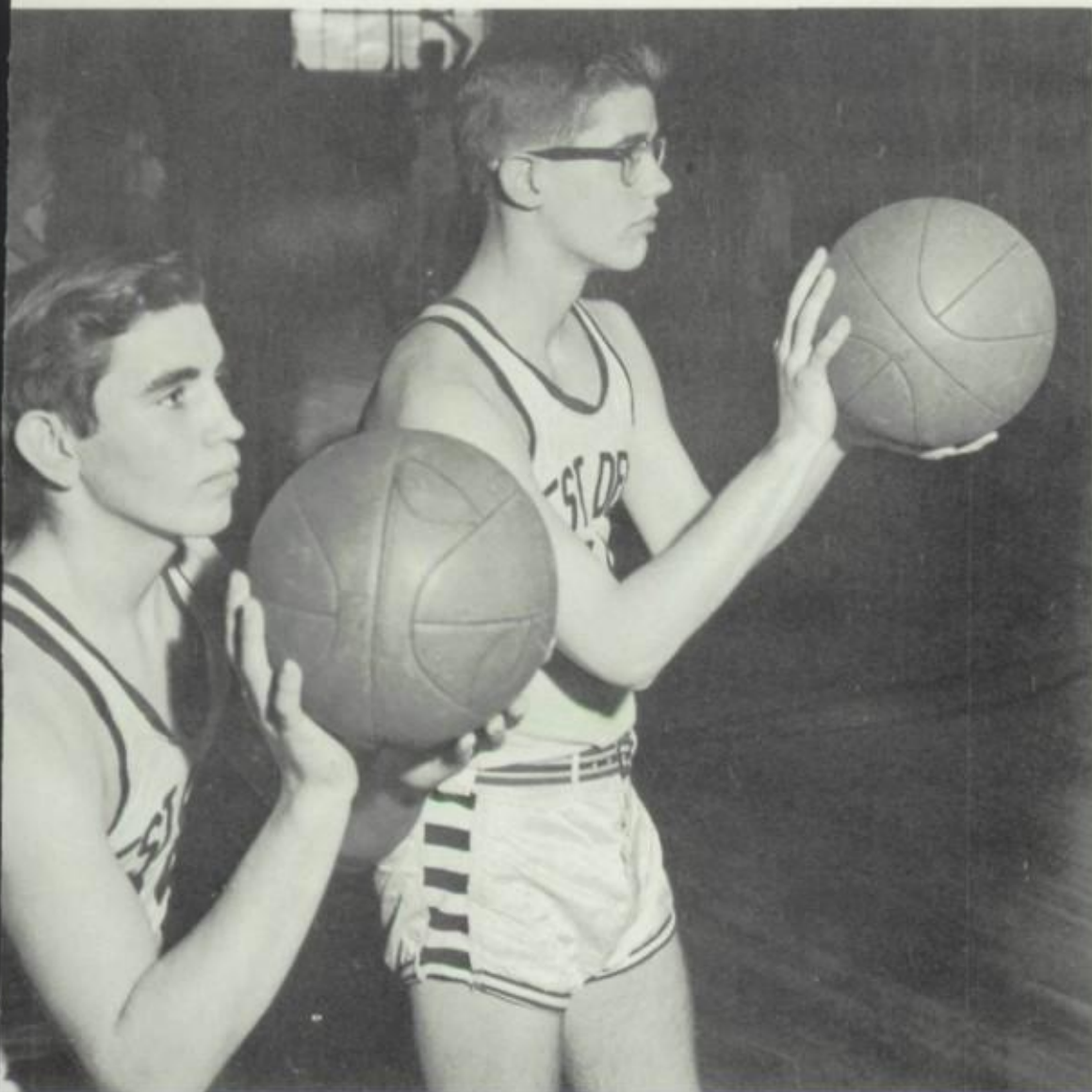


JUNIOR VARSITY SQUAD— The JV cagers this year compiled a record of 5 wins and 17 losses. Although the ledger was disappointing, the young Braves racked up most of their wins late in the season which indicated they had begun to find the range and would improve with experience. On the squad were, kneeling, from left, Jim Zachousky, Bill Dyer, Doug Scopel, Rich Paszek, Coach Schultz. Standing, Bob Salmon, Eugene Valerio, Jim Farrasso, Dave Nagy, George Micklow, and Bill Ondich.

Junior Varsity, Junior High

JUNIOR HIGH SQUAD— A 7-wins, 11-losses record was hung up by Junior High, coached by Mr. Andriko. members of the squad were, kneeling, Dan Jones, Rich Dickson, Pat Pernick, Walt Paszek. Standing, Bob Garda, Bill Manifold, Joe Paskorz, Dave Kallstrand, Leo Zilla, Coach Andriko, Bob Paszek, Ron Mennow, Dave Kashlak, Ron Cotton, Dave McMasters, and Ken Manifold.





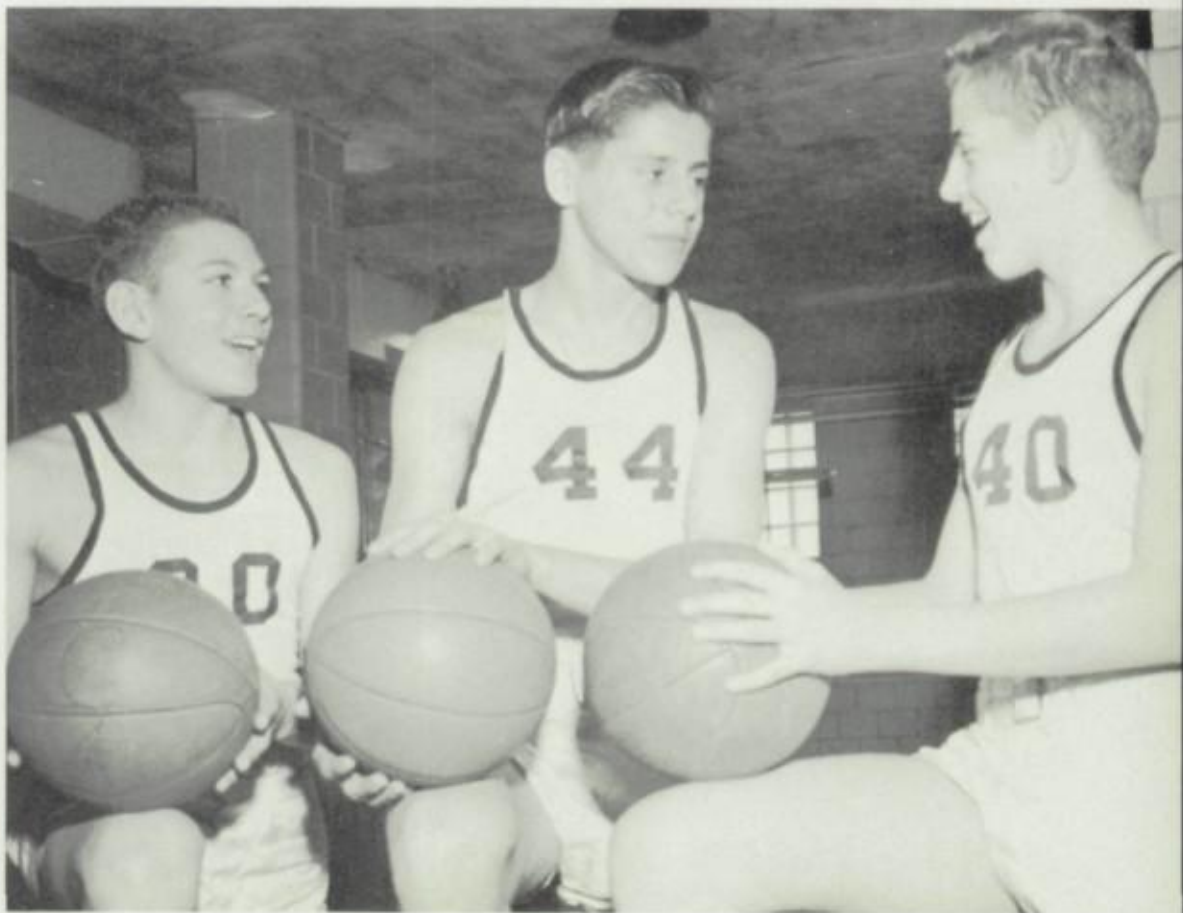
TWO FOR THE RECORD—Bill Dyer drives for a two-point lay-up during a JV game. Eugene Valerio stands vigilant for a possible rebound.

TOP TWO (left) — Dave Nagy and Bill Dyer, both sophomores, sharpen their shooting sights. The two sophomores emerged JV high scorers of the year. Nagy accounted for 207 points, while Dyer deposited 134.

Prepare Future Varsity Stars

BIG THREE POW-WOW—Joe Paskorz, 129 points; Rich Dickson, 135; and Bob Paszek, 103, were the top point-getters of the year for the Junior High squad. Other Junior High players to crash the scoring column were Bob Garda, 91; Leo Zilla, 24; Bill Manifold, 4; and Dave McMasters, 2.

HOT PURSUIT—George Micklow (9) leads the way as Dave Nagy dribbles down-court for a potential WD basket. In addition to being the leading JV offensive star, Nagy also was stellar on rebounds and defensive play.



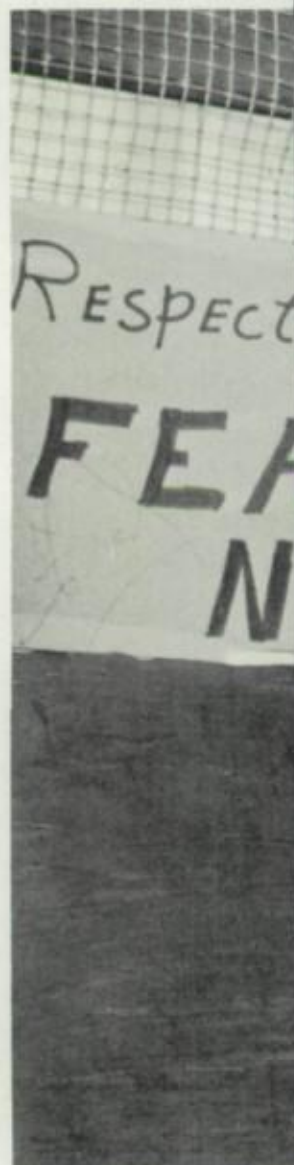
Various Athletic Honors Bestowed Upon



OUR BILL — Mr. and Mrs. Americus Capello are mighty proud of their son Bill, and rightly so. Aside from ranking as the second highest student in the Class of '60, Bill copped a variety of athletic honors. The fleet-footed back was named to the Valley Daily and Sun-Tele All-Star teams, given the Allegheny Valley Jay-Cee "Back of the Year" trophy, the Lion's Club wrist watch for outstanding athlete, in addition to the other team letters and trophies presented to lettermen at West Deer. Bill also was awarded a scholarship to Rutger's University where he plans to enroll as a pre-med student.



MOST VALUABLE (left) — Stan Paszek and the ole' football have seen a great deal of action together. The tackle "that could hit like a two-ton truck" was voted Most Valuable Player in the Allegheny Valley Conference and made the Sun-Tele All-Star team. Stan, too, was honored with a wrist watch from the Lions Club for his outstanding performances on the gridiron. Always content to put the team's welfare before personal glory, Stan was one of the most liked players on the team.



Leading Performers

JAYCEE LOVELY—Vivacious Darlene Fryer was chosen by the senior class to represent West Deer at the sixth annual JayCee Queen competitions. All agreed the choice was a most appropriate one. Whether in evening gown or in the outfit of a senior cheerleader, Darlene always made a sparkling appearance.



HIS MOTTO—Good sportsmanship plus an uncanny ability to handle the ball defensively and offensively in championship fashion earned junior Bob Grunden the title of Most Valuable Player in the Sharpsburg tournament. Even greater things are expected in the future from this superior West Deer athlete.



KING AND QUEEN OF SPORTS—Reigning as King and Queen of Sports at West Deer were Audrey Evanega and Stan Brudney. As befits the King of Sports, Stan has an unlimited list of athletic honors to his credit. Nicknamed the Bairdford Bomber because of his sensational, long-distance set shots in basketball, Stan established new school basketball records of 372 points in one season, 666 in two seasons. He won the Most Valuable Player trophy in the Plum High tournament, was chosen to play in the A.I.C. and JayCee All-Star games, and received the Lions Club wrist watch award for outstanding athletic ability. Audrey, a cheerleader for four years, this year was elected head of the cheering squad.





ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL — To be chosen as a varsity cheerleader ranks as one of the nicest things that could happen to any high school girl. At West Deer this means also a person endowed with a sparkling personality, attractiveness, and ability to attain average or better scholastic achievement. The pert West Deer yell squad included, from left, Marlene Tabacchi, Patty Lawrence, Linda Girdwood, Audrey Evanega, Darlene Fryer, Dian Bassett, Nancy Allen.

School Morale Sparked by Cheerleaders

Boosting spirits of a down-trodden team and student body is at times a difficult task to undertake. However, both varsity and junior high cheerleaders proved to be extremely successful in aiding to keep school morale high.

SEASON'S NOTES: The cheerleaders will never forget the Freeport game during which they continued their cheering through a constant downpour of rain. Must have helped out, though — the team came through with an upset over the Yellowjackets . . . AUDREY EVANEGA served as head cheerleader for the year . . . In May, freshmen LEE McDONALD and BARBARA BURNS were selected to replace outgoing seniors . . . DIAN BASSETT was named head for the coming season, while PAT LAWRENCE will be co-head . . . Band camp, a workshop at United Joint High, and after-school practice sessions have helped the girls prepare for another active season . . .

The girls who attended the United Joint workshop at Armaugh, Pa., still tell about the trio of entertainers, two women and a man, they rescued on the way back home. The trio had run out of gas and were desperately trying to get to Pittsburgh on time for their act. The WD cheerleaders and their sponsor, Miss Bossert, obliged by hauling them into town. Later they learned the man was an MC, one woman a singer, and the other woman did an "exotic" act.





STOP THAT GUY, PLE-E-E-E-EZE — Linda Micklow and Marlene Uchic die a thousand deaths as the opposing team rips through the junior high defenses and scores a basket.

RARE PICTURE — Few and far in between are the times when the bubbling cheerleaders can be seated. The girls who did such a great job this season as junior high cheerleaders were, front, Louise Gezzi, Donna Latronica. Middle row, Joann Hilla, Diane Rokoski, Kathy Preisser. Back row, Wilma Eversole, Marlene Uchic, Linda Micklow.



WATCH NUMBER 35 (left) — The Varsity Cheerleaders not only shout encouragement to the Braves but also bellow warnings when the going gets tough. It's times like these when blood pressures rise and school spirit soars.

YIPEE! A TOUCHDOWN (right) — The Braves are on fire; the crowd is on its feet, and the cheerleaders fire the coals with a snappy victory cheer in the midst of the happy confusion.



Donkeys Are Champs

In Game of the Year

The "athletic" game of the year turned out to be the free-for-all donkey ballgame played by the WD teachers and Lions Club members for charity.

One of the largest crowds ever attended and watched the sharp-shooting Lions white-wash the teachers, 6-0, in a game that looked more like a three-ring circus.

After the smoke cleared and the casualties were counted, the teachers challenged the Lions Club to a re-match in the coming year — if they have re-cuperated by that time.



EASY GO, "ELVIS"! — Mr. Graff emerged bare-back riding champ of the evening when he demonstrated unusual horsemanship. By employing a unique scissor-grip he learned during his younger years on the farm, Mr. Graff was able to hang on the wildest donkey appropriately named "Elvis Presley."



LOOK OUT BELOW! — "Elvis" sends Mr. Formento into orbit mid-way in the hilarious contest. (Below) Even former WD basketball star Mr. Schultz wasn't able to crash the scoring column, even though he had some near misses.





PEDRO, WAIT FOR ME
— Mr. Marsili finds it difficult to keep pace with "Pedro," the donkey he rode (ahem, attempted to ride) during the game. Mr. Marsili's sombrero later came in handy for use as a parachute during the times he flew through the air.



HEY, WE'RE GOING THE WRONG WAY— Mr. Graff attempts to shift gears and put his donkey in reverse after it spotted some good looking girls in the crowd. However, the donkey just wouldn't budge; he enjoyed the girls more than the basketball game!



MAYBE IF I KEEP MY EYES CLOSED—It'll just fall in my hands seems to be the wish of Ken Sukanovich, center. Also struggling for the ball are Harry Lassinger (36) and "Buz" Gornick.

Everyone Plays

The emphasis throughout the nation in '59-60 was getting everyone, not just a few, into the game. Keeping in tip-top condition was becoming a necessity not a luxury.

At West Deer one of the best intramural programs in years for both boys and girls was established and carried out. Most of the activities consisted of basketball games among the homerooms during the regular daily activity period. However, as the year progressed, other sports such as volleyball and mushball were also incorporated.

INTRAMURAL SCENES: You heard more yelling during the intramural games than varsity games at times when the homeroom rivalry got hot . . . BONNIE REYNOLDS will be remembered for the important basket she made that enabled 11B to edge 10C in a thriller . . . ELAINE OSWALD held the one-game record for the season with eight points . . . CATHY ELLENA was second with a one-game high of seven points . . . For the boys, JOE PASKORZ, JOHN PAHOLICH, and RONNIE HALOVANIC set a record of 12 markers in one game . . . DAVE FALCONER tipped 10 in to rank second . . . BRIAN KRISTOFF also was a high scorer during the season.



HEY, NOT THAT WAY (left) — cries Dan Jones as Gene Novak hits the ball toward his goal. Ron Mohar is the referee.

HOT PURSUIT (right) — Larry Lucas takes off on a non-stop dribbling tour down the floor while Ronnie Shelestak, Frank Scopel, Fred Walters, and Jim McMullen pursue him.



In Intramural Games



AIM, FIRE—Judy Atkinson lines up the basket to score a field goal during girls' intramural action. Attempting to block is Jill Hartz.



WILL SHE MAKE IT?—Linda Hails flips toward the basket, while Carol Mogel, Pearl Monarko, and Pattie Roesch maneuver a defensive strategy.



GETTING THE REBOUND (right)—Flo Maliszewski pulls in a rebound that escapes opponent Betsy Hohman.



Bravettes Make Plans For Active '60 Season

For the Bravettes the '59-60 year was spent mainly in preparing for the seasons ahead.

Reorganization and planning were the two big projects of the Bravettes this year. Although little action was displayed on court, from the sidelines the girls were able to establish full school backing for the coming seasons.

AROUND THE COURT: GLORIA SKILLEN headed the always imaginative and energetic Bravette cheerleaders who made up many of their own novel cheers . . . JUDY GRDEN filled the vacancy left by last year's top scorer, NANCY BIZICH . . . In May, GRACE LEWIS was chosen head Bravette cheerleader, with RUTH BURNS and CHARLOTTE STUCKEY as co-heads. Undergrads selected to replace outgoing seniors were RUTH GEDRAITIS, ERNESTINE BASSETTI, and LOIS TOMICZEK.

Actually, the Bravettes played one official game last season and lost that to St. Joseph's by XXXXXX (ED. Note: Score censored!) . . . Everyone still recalls the night last season when MR. ANGELONI hypnotized Bravette star NANCY BIZICH and she established a new school basketball record with 37 points in one game.



WHOOPER-UPPERS — Handling duties of Bravette cheerleaders were, front, Ruth Burns, Charlotte Stuckey, and Grace Lewis. Back, Ethel Cowfer, Gloria Skillen, and Maureen Atkinson.

THE BRAVETTES — Front row, Nancy Stephens, Linda Kirby, Bonnie Reynolds, Charlotte Linamen, Nancy George, Sue Hartz. Second row, Margie Buydoso, Mary Buydoso, Arlene Gray, Kay Altman, Diane Graham, Jan Sedmak, Dee Gizienki, Marie Guerrieri. Back row, Fran Graham, Jean Prymak, Lee McDonald, Jane Pierce, Kathy Kaduk, Judy Grden, Dian Bassett, Irene Venesky, Virginia McCall, Jill Hartz.





St. Vincent's Coach Hit of Sport Banquet

Coach Al DeLuca, well known mentor of St. Vincent College athletic teams, was the main speaker at the annual West Deer High athletic banquet.

Interspersing humor with inspiring thoughts, Coach DeLuca commended the sports set-up in America and also singled out West Deer for its well balanced athletic program.

Coaches Marsili and Whartenby also spoke to the more than 150 who attended and expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the past season to both the student players and loyal fans.

HUDDLE—Naturally the subject was sports when the coaches and a couple of stand-out West Deer athletes got together for a brief chat session. Seated are Stan Paszek and Carl Potensky. Standing are Coach Whartenby, Coach DeLuca, and Coach Marsili.



IT HAPPENED THIS WAY—Coach DeLuca, recognized as one of the most colorful and forceful speakers in the district, captures his audience with another of his famous sports anecdotes. Among those at the guest table were, from left, Dr. Casile, Mr. Burns, Coach DeLuca, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Costello, Mrs. Hess, Mr. Makuta, Mr. Semko, Mr. Falconer, and Mr. Antonelli.



FOR ME?—Coach DeLuca and Vince Antonelli, West Deer athletic director, seem to enjoy teasing Mrs. Broge, right, and Mrs. Baker, two of the varsity mothers on hand for the banquet. Coach DeLuca tried humorously to make a deal so that he would receive one of the varsity mother trophies given out to the student athletes.



WHO SAYS NO SANTA?—There is to Jim Griffith and Pat Lawrence as they list their demands before the final rush. Many suspected Santa had the same deep baritone voice as Mr. Marsili when he joined in a chorus of Jingle Bells after this picture was snapped.

MESSENGERS OF GOOD WILL—Cookie DeVando, Carl Potensky, Barb Kaminsky, and Lou Kirchner set out for Oakmont orphanage with gifts donated by Miss Jarema's 12A students.



CHRISTMAS BALL—One of the most enjoyable all-school dances of the year was the Christmas Ball, sponsored by the sophomores.

WD Christmas Is

During the first two weeks of December, that unexplainable-glowing-type of feeling slowly envelopes West Deer. As December 25 nears, it assumes epidemic proportions.

Boys and girls enter the building with beaming faces, generally resulting from some bus stop snowball battle, and pause to admire the shimmering Christmas tree, courageously and gallantly selected, placed near the main entrance, and trimmed by Miss Jarema's senior Christmas elves.

YULE HAPPENINGS: Opportunity-wise teachers managed to inject Christmas into otherwise routine work. Typing teachers used the season to demonstrate the versatility of a typewriter by having students create illustrations with certain letters on the keyboard . . . Annual tradition in Latin class is to sing "Come All

YULE SPECIALS—Mrs. Cunningham's plane geometry class marked the holidays by creating special projects relating geometry to the yule season. Looking over some of the student-made projects are Arlene Zonarich, Sue Call, Nancy George, Bob Fyala, Dian Bassett, and Fred Matko.





SIGNS OF THE TIMES—Signs of the times could be noticed in several class skits worked up during the holiday season. This one included everyone from Khrushchev to angels and starred such distinguished 8th grade actors as Steve Langfitt, Bernie Dobrowski, and Gail George. The angels in back are Carol Baumgartel, Joyce Boch, Ann Catherwood, Mildred Kratz, Marlene Verbetic, Lorraine Halovanic, Donna Garvin.

Glowsy, Exciting

Ye Faithful" in Latin . . . MRS. DIGIRALAMO'S 8th grade English classes did several original skits pertaining to the season . . . Plane geometry students used the theme "Geometry in Christmas" for their exceptionally fine projects . . . After one mouth-watering month, REGE MULL, BOB McBRIDE, DOUG WISNESKY, FRED SKURKA, BOB GESTRICH were permitted to eat Miss Jarema's decorative candycanes . . .

At least five students and one faculty member celebrated double during Christmas and New Years. Christmas Day is the birthday of ANDY ANTONINKA and MR. UNITES. Marking birthdays on New Year's Eve were JOE RIEG, DENNIS FALCONER, and LEON LAWRENCE . . . That greeting to the public on front windows of 9A homeroom was the artistic work of BETH NEWMAN and BETSY HOHMAN.

HEY! CUT IT OUT—That's the plea of the COALAGRA cameraman as he attempts to photograph a group of West Deerites who seemed to enjoy the winter snow. Flinging away at the photog are Mary Olsen, Sandi D'Amico, Elaine Cassol, Nancy Allen, Tiger Watkins, Doug Hutchison, Anita Sonnie, Ron Cheran, Evelyn Cajka, Leroy Zalus, Theresa Lamperski, Terry Feeley, and Becky Josefczyk.



YA' BETTER BE GOOD—Another hilarious skit included the singing and pantomiming by a trio composed of Charlotte Jackson, Cathy Murray, and Paulette Bongiovanni.





HERE WE GO, FOLKS — Over 1,000 different articles were donated for the big Junior Class Auction, and the overall scene looks a bit cluttered as Colonel Chester Shaffer, the auctioneer, gets bidding started.

Auction Helps Finance Junior Class Projects



WHAT A WAY TO FIND A HOME — This pathetic looking show stealer who immediately won the hearts of the audience with his sad eyes seems to be trying to choose his owner. John Zenewicz helps keep track of bids.

November 21 was the big day, for after months of planning, collecting, painting and scrubbing, the junior class was finally prepared to launch what proved to be the biggest, most successful fund raising project in West Deer High history.

Their massive scavenger hunt brought together such a wide variety of articles that the gym resembled a bargain basement at a department store. Fresh cut flowers, baked goods, pianos, TV's, washers, dryers, dogs, cats, toasters, pine trees, just about anything you could think of were auctioned off. All this plus a turkey raffle netted the class almost \$1,800. A very tired but happy class trudged home at 4 a.m. that morning.

Jim Griffith and Rich Field generously donated their cellars as storage and repair areas and immediately became the second home of future painters and carpenters. Each night squads of juniors would scour the township, searching for the unusual. Although many times fearing an attack by some un-cooperative dog or being welcomed into a home by a man wearing pajamas and carrying a shotgun, these groups really came through with needed vim.

MIGHTY PLEASED — by his purchase is Jim Christy, getting his Christmas supplies early.

STRATEGY MEETING — Class sponsor William Utzig calls his junior class generals together to organize auction procedure.



WE STARTED OUT ABOUT HERE—and now we're at West Deer High. These students from foreign countries enjoyed a day at West Deer to help the juniors promote their foreign exchange program. Instantly popular and well received were Arrigo Sorregaroli, from Italy; Francois Schon, France; Jacques Fivaz, Switzerland; Anna Bergquist, Sweden; and Mari-eta Garrabon, Philippines. All are students at area high schools and will return to their native lands after a year in the United States.



Foreign Student Plan Becomes Reality

January's dream of the junior class sponsoring a foreign exchange student will have become September's reality.

Due to the interest of Mr. Utzig and the overwhelming support of the class, as well as parents and citizens of the township, plans were being completed just before yearbook press time for the arrival of Giovanna Montorfano of Italy. She is to spend her senior year at West Deer and live in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Norris, of Culmerville.

The idea was presented to the studentbody through an assembly having exchange students from other area schools as speakers. They were so warmly welcomed that further plans were completed. Early in June the class received word of Giovanna's acceptance. A hearty American hello is planned.

It is planned, also, that some time in the near future a West Deer student will spend a year in an European country under the exchange program.

PALS THE WORLD OVER—It almost looks like a little United Nations meeting as the foreign students and West Deer High students join in chatting about just about anything that would be interesting to teen-agers. If the adult world could get along as the teen-agers do, this ole' world would be mighty wonderful, thought many as they viewed this scene.



Fun Filled Prom

What color is your gown? How are you fixing your hair? What kind of flowers are you getting? And so the conversations continued for weeks before the prom. Then, finally, the big day came. One of the most successful proms of all time began with everyone gathering at the sparkling, golden Hotel Hilton, Pittsburgh. Dancing music there was furnished by Tommy Carlyn's orchestra, and a much enjoyed floor show included magic and mystery acts by Eddie Tullock, nationally known night club star.

New twist for this year was the after-prom party held in the school cafeteria from 1:30 to 6 a.m. Top entertainment for this included the Joe Negri Combo, singer Al Alberts, and hypnotist Richard Heazley.

PROM MEMORIES: No one can ever forget the hard work put into the prom preparations by Mr. Utzig, class sponsor, and the many parents who helped out.

JOAN DeKLEVA and JOYCE EDGAR will remember their walk through the underground tunnel from the parking lot to the Hilton. Halfway through there's a revolving door. Just seems as if those doors aren't made for gowns with hoops . . . The snake dance and grand march to the tune of "When the Saints Go Marchin' In" put everyone one in a happy-go-lucky mood. Some of the couples grand-marched right through the hotel kitchen, bridal suites, convention headquarters, etc. . . . But even the Hilton management joined in the fun with the West Deer High gang. And

I COULD HAVE DANCED ALL NIGHT — seemed to be the attitude of this year's prom goers who enjoyed tripping the lite fantastic at Pittsburgh's golden Hilton Hotel and at "Club 61," West Deer High.



THE WINNER — Joe Yourish, right, triumphantly raises the arm of Frank Matko who just became the envy of all at the prom by winning two box seat tickets to a pirate ball game, one of the many door prizes given at the after-prom party in the cafeteria. Donna Barnett and Pat Shurina assure Frank they'll help him use the tickets.

Began at Hilton

in the end they rewarded Mr. Utzig with a special letter of commendation for the excellent manner in which all students conducted themselves . . . Everyone was amazed by how attractive the cafeteria looked, especially the wishing well with NANCY GEORGE'S goldfish inside. The committee also planned to catch crickets to make the garden scene authentic but JOHN PROCO and ED MIALKY didn't come through . . .

The hypnotism show in the cafeteria was one of the funniest things ever witnessed at West Deer. DIAN BASSETT was hypnotized so that everytime Mr. Heazley adjusted his tie, she would jump up and recite: "I'm a little tweedle bird, tweedly dee, tweedly dum."

PAUL WIMER was the real hit of the evening. At a certain signal he would become so thirsty that he would actually stampede to the water fountain. His eyes almost popped when he was given a pair of "X-ray" glasses that could see through clothes . . . LEON LAWRENCE was hypnotized into saving his name was Glub-Blub and his date was pp-p-fffft . . . SUE HARTZ and GRACE LEWIS were the champion milkers as they raced to finish their imaginary cows . . .

Waiting til all cleared out of the cafeteria were BARB GREBECK, BOB GRUNDEN, VIC MENNOW, and BARB BURNS who were tipped by inside sources that certain balloons contained dollar bills—which made kind of nice souvenirs.



JUST THE RIGHT TOUCH—Mike Micklow seems to be enjoying it as pretty Marianne Boch adjusts his lapel flower.

YOU ARE BECOMING SLEEPY—Your eyes are getting heavy, convinces Ed Tullock, as Dick Grandy floats off to never-never land. It was all part of the much enjoyed entertainment at the Hilton.



THIS GUY HAS TALENT—Tom Martin demonstrates to Loretta Eversole and others at their table one of the many talents he has—ability to stack punch glasses. Well, you can never tell when you may be called upon to do this, so it's good to be prepared, just as long as you don't use your own glasses.





STILL GOING STRONG — 3:12 A.M. was the time and everybody was wide awake and enjoying every minute.

HEADLINER — Singer Al Alberts, former soloist with the Four Aces, was the featured guest of the after-prom party and proved to be quite a hit.



"GLUB-GLUB" LAWRENCE — "What's your name?" asked hypnotist Richard Heazley, another of the A-1 entertainers at the after-prom party in the cafeteria. All Leon Lawrence, who had been put into a hypnotic trance, could answer was "Glub Glub."



REAL HIT OF THE EVENING

—Probably the act everyone will remember most involved Paul Wimer, left, who was put into a deep hypnotic trance by Mr. Heazley, the hypnotist. Mr. Heazley then proceeded to have Paul's best friend, Chuck Peckham, disappear before his very eyes. Then he had Chuck reappear piece by piece. Paul just couldn't believe his eyes—until hypnotist Heazley gave him a pair of "X-ray glasses" by which Paul could see through everyone's clothes. What happened then had everyone rolling with laughter.



After-Prom Party Was Hilarious

THE CROWD LOVED IT—The hypnotism session had everyone howling with laughter, including COALAGRA cameraman Jim Zachousky who photographed many of the prom scenes.





MUST BE NIGHT OWLS—Still looking pretty fresh after working throughout the night and morning to make the after-prom party a success were these devoted parents and cafeteria aides, just some of the many who helped out. Mr. Utzig, class sponsor, extended particular appreciation to all parents who pitched in to make the event so memorable and phenomenally successful.

Successful Prom Ends on Happy Note

DOWN THE HATCH—Nancy Mallinson finds her date, Fred Weiss, just too tired to feed himself when breakfast was served at 6 a.m. The delicious breakfast included sausage, eggs, rolls, milk, coffee—just enough to get everyone re-vitalized for the prom picnic to be held in the afternoon.



MAN, WHAT A NIGHT!—As 5:00 a.m. rolled around, this was the general scene around the tables. Struggling to keep their eyes open and, at the same time, soothing their aching feet, everyone agreed it was quite a night.





MAN OF THE HOUR — With satisfaction and a touch of well deserved pride, Mr. Utzig, junior class sponsor, thinks back over the sweat, strain, and time that went into making the '60 Prom the greatest in West Deer High history. His eagerness to help and his devotion to the young people of his Alma Mater, West Deer, have ranked him as one of the most admired faculty members of the school.

TRADITIONAL ENDING — "I want that one!" is the shout as the balloons are pulled down and the 1960 Prom comes to an official end.





THE LAST TIME WE SAW WEST DEER — Senior members of the chorus introduced the class song during Senior Night festivities. The girls were accompanied by the pitter-patter of pre-graduation emotion tears shed by their sentimental classmates.

Senior Dinner Dance, S&S

THE WIN'NAHS — Trying to snag some souvenir decorations at the S&S turned out to be pretty tricky business. After leaping, stretching, and grunting, John Clifford, Ron Mohar, Pete Biagi, and Martin Stopchuck finally bagged this wad of crepe paper.



ROOM FOR ONE MORE — Tony Busin and Marie Bibri invite their classmates to "come on in" the little grass hut that set the Hawaiian theme for the Senior Dinner Dance.



COME ON, LET'S STROLL — Chris "The Hooper" Hodges leads his pretty dancing partner, Darlene Fryer, through an intricate stroll routine at the S&S. The stroll, along with cha-chas and mash potatoes, was one of the dance crazes of the year.



Two Top Shindigs of Year

TWINKLE-TOES — Traditionally the Senior Dinner Dance is the last affair at which the seniors really live it up. Girls kick off their shoes and whirl across the floor in a blaze of colored dresses. The buoyant feeling soon wears off, however, when Mom catches sight of the condition of her expensive nylons.





McMASTER STRIKES AGAIN (left) — Steve "Muscles" McMaster "aids" his reluctant classmate, Tony Busin, in perfecting a sliding board technique. Jerry Kemman has been doing it for years, so he appears to be confident for his turn. Linda Bongiovanni and Audrey Evanega set a new sliding record, also with "help" from their classmates, when they took their turns.

WE'RE PALS — Everybody's buddy-buddy at the senior picnic. Then, perhaps, they're only trying to mooch some money from John Clifford on the bottom of the pile.



LIKE THIS, BOB — Dee Charney shows friend Bob Beitko how the kids swing in Culmerville. It's called "flip-your-buddy," and it's lots of fun!





ANYBODY SEE THE BALL? — Another big event of the senior picnic was the free-for-all volleyball game.

We Were Kids Again At the Senior Picnic, Bowling Party



OOF! UUG! — Ethel Cowfer is determined to return that volleyball—if only George Angeloff wouldn't get so excited.



HER FINGERS DON'T STICK IN THE BALL — Shirley Fuhrer and Chris Hodges watch in amazement as Darlene Fryer winds up to fling her usual strike. The senior bowling party also will go down as one of the seniors' most memorable events of the year.



SENIOR GLAMOR—Senior Queen Dee Charney and her attendants, from left, Elaine Matze, Linda Bongiovanni, Leah Bryan, and Audrey Evanega recreate the impressive appearance they made at Senior Night Coronation. In front are future members of the 1972 Queen's court and this year's train and crown bearers, Pauletta Rayovich, Mark Anderson, and Marlene Grass.



FOR YOU, AN AIRPLANE—Jim Grottenthaler receives a toy airplane from gifterian Sandy Massimino during the traditional Senior Night gift presentations. Why an airplane? So he could fly down and visit his girl friend in Florida, of course.

Coronation

1960 SENIOR QUEEN AND COURT—West Deer's stately walls form a picturesque backdrop for the 1960 Senior Queen and her court. From left are Bill Capello, Audrey Evanega, Carl Potensky, Elaine Matze, Queen Dee Charney, Sonny Brudney, Leah Bryan, Den Makuta, Linda Bongiovanni, Stan Paszek. In front, Pauletta Rayovich, Mark Anderson, Marlene Grass.





THIS KEEPS GETTING FUNNIER—Senior beauties giggle over the amusing verses recited about each senior as they come on center stage to receive traditional character gifts. The verses were the work of creative and conniving Sandy Massimino.

Highlights Senior Night



ONCE A QUEEN, ALWAYS A QUEEN—There's some special magic in being chosen Senior Queen at West Deer High School. The beauty and regal bearing which gained her the title remain with her forever. Past royalty gathered around 1960 Queen Dee are, from left, Shirley Corrigan '58, Mrs. Phyllis Wilson Lacoskie '54, Mrs. Rose Slenkovich Schultz '53, Rose Huffman '56, Mrs. Pat Murray Cherran '50, Mrs. Marie Walters Hwostow '57.



"THAT" SONG (left) —Fingers can get awfully stiff from playing "Pomp and Circumstance" over and over at baccalaureate and commencement practices; ears can get awfully bored with the same dum dum de dum rhythm. But for Mr. Mauroni's stalwart music makers, it's all in the game.

Rehearsals,



MY BRUD'DER —Tom Mawhinney, right, enjoys a brief chat with his brother, Robert, and Principal Petrino just before baccalaureate services begin. Robert, a West Deer alumnus and now a ministerial student, delivered the baccalaureate sermon.





WHEN WILL IT END—Seniors get weary as practice drags on and on. Old mistakes are corrected; new ones are made. It gets more and more difficult to distinguish between the right and left foot. No one's more amazed than the seniors themselves later when both baccalaureate and commencement ceremonies go off as smooth as clockwork.



TYPING CLASS WAS NEVER LIKE THIS—Senior sponsor Mrs. Schuster checks the 1000 and 1 details remaining in the last few minutes before the program gets underway. Lost tassels must be found, hats straightened, last minute instructions given. It takes a calm, cool, and collected person for these anxious moments.

Anxious Moments...Baccalaureate

THIS IS IT—Baccalaureate services begin with the 112 members of the Class of 1960 marching into the auditorium to the now quite familiar strains of "Pomp and Circumstance." Spectators crane to see that "special graduate." The music fails to drown out the comments of the crowd—"Fine looking group of young people." (Ed. Note: The faculty members in front row know better, however!!!)



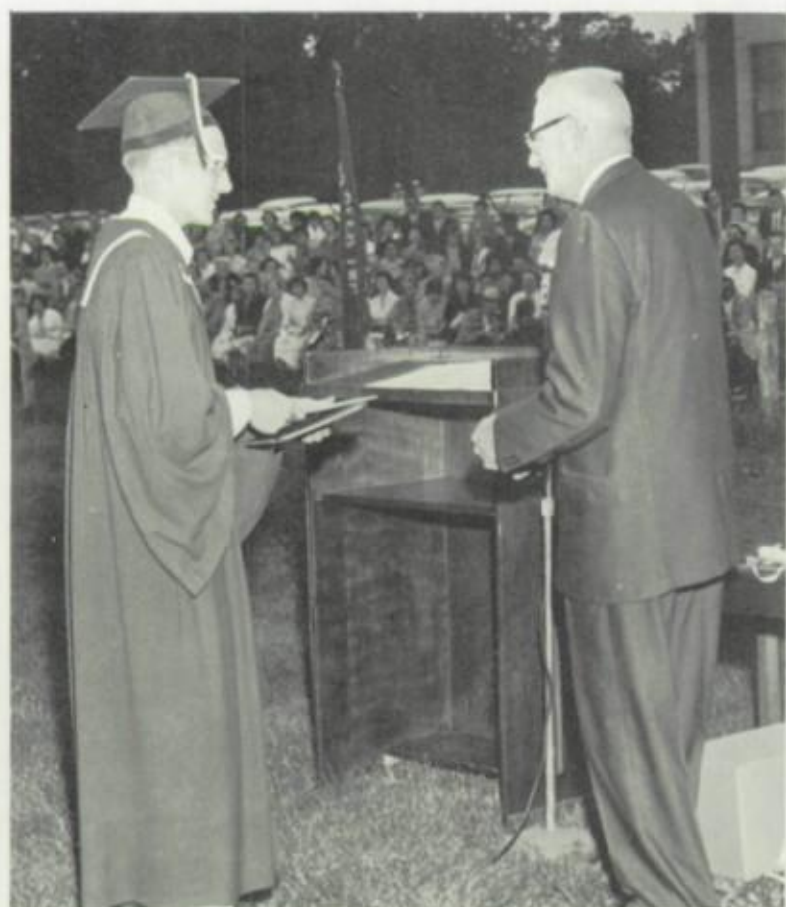


KEEP IN STEP—The big moment is rapidly arriving. Mrs. Schuster explains marching procedures for the final time. There are sniffles and comments—"I'll miss this old school."



PROUD MOMENT—It's a moment forever to be cherished by the Graham family of Russellton when a proud Pappa Graham, also the school board president, does the honors of presenting his own daughter Fran a diploma—with a kiss for extra good measure.

Thrilling Moments Mark



"I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU, BOB" (left) — Those were the words used by Harry McGill, West Deer Twp. Civic Club representative, to tell Bob Kirsch that he was recipient of the Civic Club \$300 scholarship. Bob's classmates agreed a more deservant choice couldn't have been made.

ANOTHER AWARD FOR DEN—Versatile Dennis Makuta receives a hearty handshake from Principal Petrina and with it a gold pen award, presented by Mrs. Cunningham, mathematics department head, for ranking as the top mathematics student of the class.



SCHOLAR AND ORATOR— School officials, guests, and graduates are in the background as Pat Stanish, one of the four top class scholars, addresses the capacity crowd of over 2,500 who viewed the outdoor commencement ceremonies.



FOR OUR GAL (below) — The sneaky seniors have done it again. This time they managed to completely surprise their best girl, Mrs. Schuster, class sponsor, with a silver tea service as an appreciation gift.



Commencement

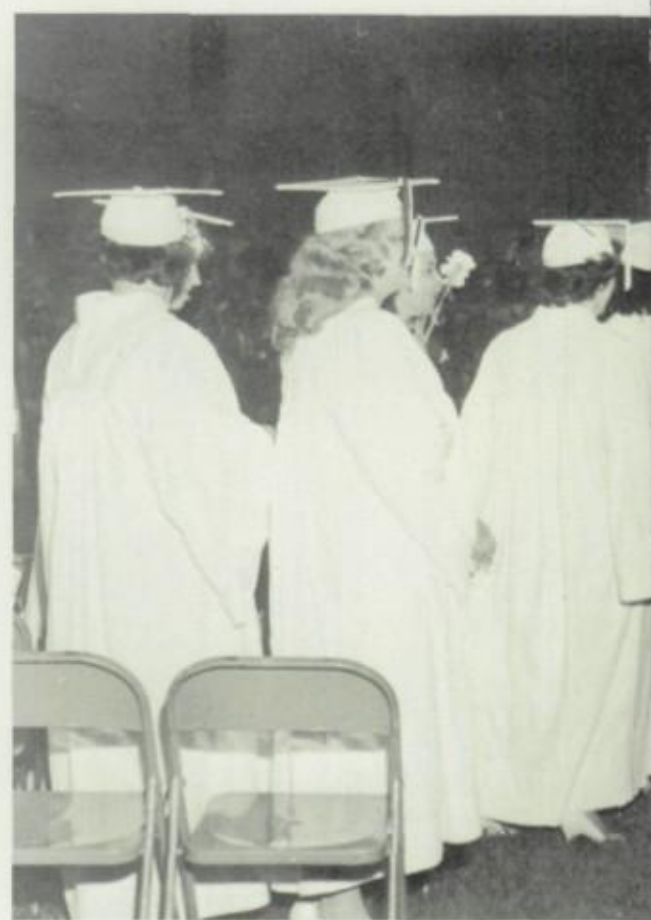
THE 112TH — Board president Robert Graham gives out the last diploma, and with it handshake number 112, to John Clifford. John represented the 1,640th person to receive a West Deer High School diploma since 1945.



GOT IT — Shutters snap, flashbulbs pop as diplomas are handed out. Memories are being made and the chief family photographers were on hand to record them.



Tassels Reversed; 112 Become Alumni



FROM STUDENTS TO ALUMNI—At the principal's signal, members of the Class of '60 reverse their tassels and officially become graduates of West Deer High School.



THEN THERE WAS LITTLE VINCE—Two-year-old Vince DeFazio saw the nice man giving away free "books." Wouldn't Daddy (a WD faculty member) be surprised if he went up and got one. Mommy and Daddy were busy with the ceremonies and didn't notice li'l Vince pussyfooting (left) up behind the graduates. (Lower left) Ron Mohar seemed friendly so Vince paused to say "Hi." (Below) As he reached the speakers' area, Vince remembered his daddy saying something about letting the buyer beware; he decided against accepting a free "book" from the nice people up there. It will be a few years before he realizes it yet, but Vince can someday look back on these pictures and reflect on the evening he "wowed" a crowd of 3,000 and became one of those little unexpected events that produce a treasured memory.



DESTINATION: THE WORLD (below) — With West Deer as their departure point and high school diplomas as their passports, the graduates leave the athletic field.



SO YOU FINALLY MADE IT — Parents and friends are on hand as the graduates reach the end of the field. The new grad finds himself being kissed, teased, and caught up in a maze of voices.

HONOR STUDENTS — Scholastic stand-outs in the Class of 1960 were, first row, Chuck Brown, Bill Capello, Pat Stanish, Arlene Zonarich, Theresa Malic, Sandy Massimino, Dee Charney, Elaine Matze, Betty Tibensky, Barb Burdek, Leah Bryan, Stan Brudney, Lou Kirchner. Second row, Bob Kirsch, Joe Halovanic, Dick Grandy, John Uchic, Joe Yourish, Jerry Porter, Den Makuta, Joe Rieg, Art Broge, Bill Gray.



After Graduation..This We'll Remember

Graduation, 1960, and all the events of the senior year are now memories. Farewells were exchanged — some forever. Diplomas, tassels, programs, name cards, cards of well-wishers have been carefully tucked away. The glory has worn thin, and the family circle is back to normal.

Nevertheless, during those nostalgic days to come, these will be some of the things we'll remember:

How the tears flowed on the first day of practice when we realized this was really it and we weren't dreaming. **DARLENE FRYER'S** eyes would become spontaneously moist, setting off a chain re-action. **SHIRLEY FUHRER** sniffled, **CHARLENE EVERSOLE** clutched a kleenex, **LEAH BRYAN** sniffled twice, and so on down the line . . . **DEE CHARNEY** turned one practice session into a scavenger hunt by losing the clasp to her pin on the football field . . . **JOE MAKUTA** turned every practice session into a dancing lesson by "mash-potatoeing" through "Pomp and Circumstance," the traditional graduation song . . . Partner **AGGIE SEMLER** had to receive medical attention for an extreme case of giggles . . . During lunch breaks at practice sessions the fellas made tracks for the athletic field. Here a red-hot softball battle raged between **POTENSKY'S** Potato Pickers and **BRUDNEY'S** Bugbombs . . .

The angelic members of the Class of '60 still contend their class is heaven blessed. Bad weather, rain, and heavy winds caused havoc during the days preceding graduation night. In fact, those in charge experienced the worst time ever in deciding if the ceremonies should be held indoors or outdoors. The weather continued to threaten right up until the event was ready to start at 7 p.m. Then a little sunlight peeked through, the winds calmed, the weather was the best ever for an outdoor commencement. The guardian angels must have really put in a day! . . . Six is the class' lucky number. The Class of '60 is the 16th graduating class, the sixth largest in school history . . .

Even radio Station KDKA got in on the graduation ceremonies again this year. The football field PA system acts in a most mysterious way every year at graduation. No one has been able to adequately explain, but the PA automatically picks up the powerful Pittsburgh station. Nothing can be done to shut it out either. So while the West Deer ceremonies go on, the race results and "Program P.M." can be heard in the background! . . .

RON MOHAR turned out to be the hero of graduation. Ron was operated on his knee-cap a few days earlier, and no one thought he would be able to make it. Laying crutches aside, however, Ron kept pace with everyone else and even double-timed up to get his diploma . . . For a time it was

touch and go whether **RON REARICK** would reach Mr. Graham for his diploma. It took the veteran West Deer "speed demon" three minutes longer than anyone else to walk the distance.

And everyone is still wondering about contents of the note Ron gave Principal Petrina when he received his diploma . . . **AGGIE SEMLER** was the first to receive a 1960 diploma. The other end of the class height scale, **JOHN CLIFFORD**, received the last, the 1,640th given out to the 16 West Deer graduation classes . . . The official class gift was a directory, listing the offices and classrooms, which will be placed in the front hall . . .

For the first time in school history, no guest speaker was hired to give the official commencement address. Instead, it was handled, and handled brilliantly, by the four class top scholars, **JOE HALOVANIC**, **JOHN UCHIC**, **BILL CAPELLO**, and **PAT STANISH**. Not one forgot any part of his address . . . **JOE HALOVANIC** received the J. R. Montgomery \$50 cash award to the top ranking student. **PAT MAKUTA** received the \$25 H. C. Hess Memorial Student Journalism Award. This made Pat the recipient of more awards than she could ever remember — Tom McAn Award, Homemakers Award, PSPA Scholastic Press Award, "Hiring Handicapped" Essay Cash Award, in addition to ranking in the top ten per cent of Most Able Youth competitions, receiving the Student Council scholarship, and winning a scholarship to Blackburn College in Illinois. All these were acquired during her "spare time" as editor of **The Coalagra**.

In addition to Pat, 12 other seniors were granted scholarships to various schools and colleges: **BILL CAPELLO**, Rutgers; **JOHN UCHIC**, Grove City; **ARLENE ZONARICH**, Geneva; **BILL HARTMAN**, Penn State; **JOE HALOVANIC**, Pitt; **LOU KIRCHNER**, Washington-Jefferson; **SANDY MASSIMINO**, Pitt; **DICK GRANDY**, Pitt; **ART BROGE**, Western Reserve; **SHIRLEY FUHRER**, Clarrisa's School of Design; **BOB KIRSCH**, Carnegie Tech; **LINDA BONGIOVANNI**, Towne Modeling School.

They had to shove **BOB KIRSCH** to go up and receive his \$300 Civic Club scholarship. He was stunned when his name was announced as the recipient and for a while he just couldn't get his legs in gear . . .

If all goes on schedule, **JAN RUSNAK**, **DOT KOCHNUT**, **BETTY TIBENSKY**, **DAISIE SKIDMORE**, **LORETTA EVERSOLE**, and **AUDREY EVANEGA** should be among the first class members to make the "altar run special." They were sporting diamonds at this writing . . . Receiving their passports from West Deer High School were two sets of brothers and sisters, but no twins. They were **MABEL** and **BOB SCHROTH** and **RON** and **LARRY McADAMS**.

MORE ATOMIC TESTS AHEAD—

Next—a "death ray" bomb?

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT: A FADING PRACTICE

HOW COLLEGE COSTS
ARE GOING UP

DROUGHT THREATENS
A THIRD OF CHINA

about Tax Relief

TEEN-AGE
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HAZARDS OF RADIATION—
SOME NEW DISCOVERIES

THE ROCKET RUSSIA
FIRED IN ANGER

Talking Back to Castro

PACE RACE

ARE TEEN-AGERS
GETTING TOO FAT?

the chance to make a dollar

**THE WORLD'S
BIG SPY GAME**

Enough Jobs?
CHEATING IN COLLEGE



BRING ON THE WORLD PROBLEMS—
In humorous fashion Vince Ferraiuolo portrays the gang-busting, two-fisted, hard-hitting '60 graduate as he now goes forth, unafraid, diploma clutched over heart, to settle all the ills of the world.

**"A SIGNIFICANT RECESSION IS COMING
ALONG, STARTING ABOUT MIDDLE OF '61"**

Move-Up and Awards Day

Bring Honors To Many



HIGH HONORS—Posing proudly after their formal initiation into the National Honor Society are juniors Nancy George, Dian Bassett, Ellen Wetzel, Fred Skurka, and Jack Capello. Among the most outstanding recognition a student can receive during his years at West Deer is selection to the NHS during his junior year.

THAT SPECIAL SOMETHING—is what these lucky girls possess, for they were chosen as replacements for senior majorettes and cheerleaders. All freshmen, they are, from left, Peggy Chelpanoff, Louise Gezzi, Lynne White, Dorene Kerr, and Bobby Grass, the new majorettes. In back, Barb Burns and Lee McDonald won out as the new cheerleaders.



FIRST APPEARANCE—The seniors make their first formal graduation appearance as they march to their seats of honor during annual Move-Up Awards Day ceremonies.



SOON JUST A MEMORY—There are mixed emotions among the seniors, standing at right, as they watch the Move-Up Day proceedings. The sophomores are seen moving up to their seats. The juniors, next year's seniors, are already in lead class seats.

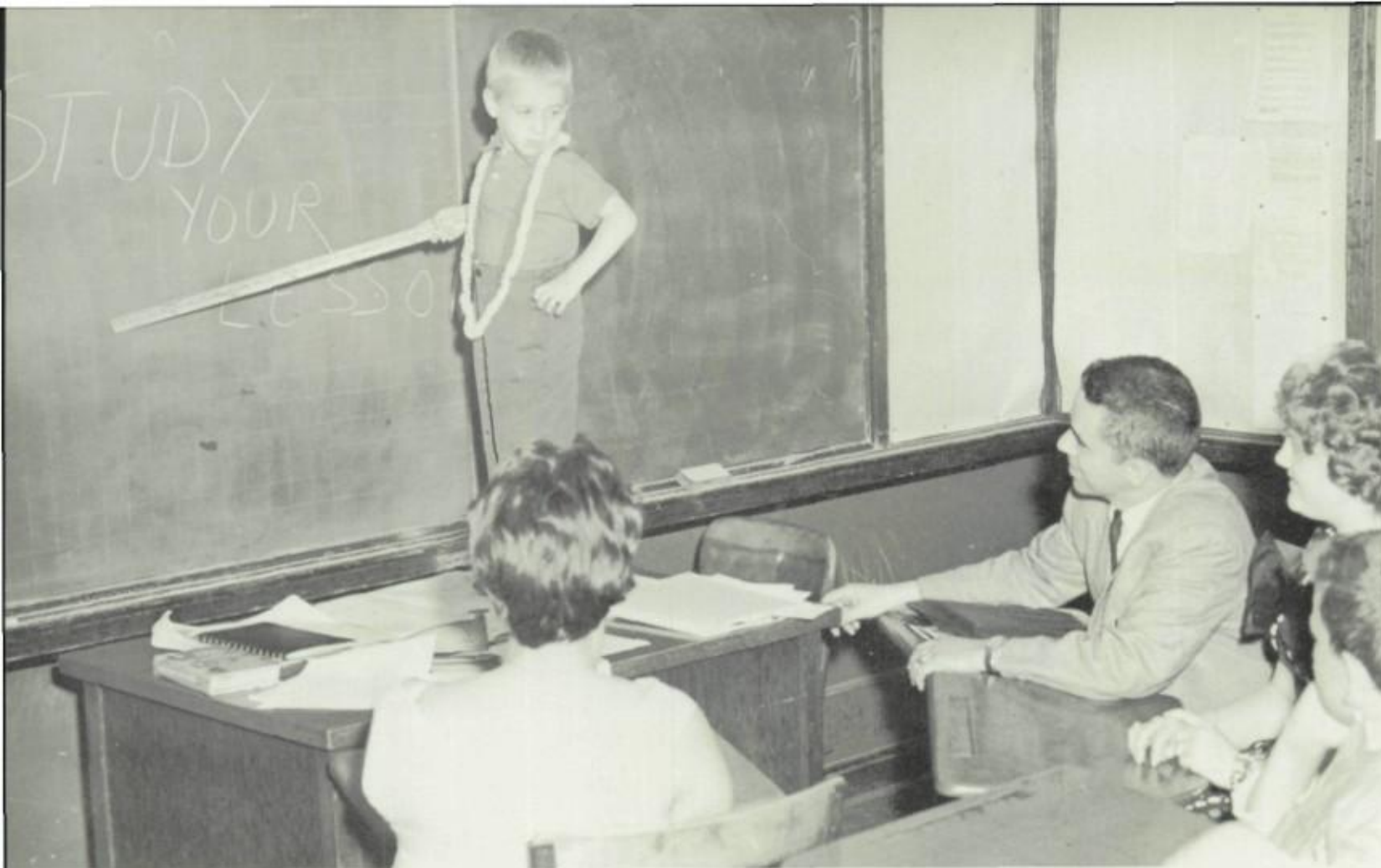


ONE OF WEST DEER'S FINEST—Nurse Jennie Malec talks with girls who will serve as officers of the Future Nurses come next term. Elected president was Anna Marie Papriska, seated. Other officers are, standing, Margie Costello, Mary Radonovich, and Marie Guerrieri. Jennie, a former *Antler* editor, was a very popular member of the Class of '58.



BIG MOMENT—The most exciting moment of Move-Up Day is when the senior president turns over the symbolic school key to undergraduate class officers. Stanley Brudney, senior president, does the honors here, while the top executives claim their portion. After Brudney are Fred Skurka, junior president; Augie Smarra, sophomore president; Mika Youra, freshman president; Joe Paskorz, 8th grade president; and Larry Simonetti, 7th grade president.





CLASS ATTENTION!— Little Bobby Schmidt joins in the last day fun and makes like a mean, ole' teacher as he scolds his "students" for not studying their lessons. Bobby, along with many other younger sisters and brothers of students, had a lot of fun visiting West Deer High on the last day.

The Last Day of School Finally Came

...And Then It All Ended

LOOKS PRETTY GOOD TO ME, TEACHER—One of the biggest chores of the final days is the checking out of each individual's books. Some were turned in almost spotless—especially the ones whose owners didn't believe in night work!



BOOKS GET A REST—Then books were stacked away in the book room where they earned a well-deserved summer rest.





THE IMPOSSIBLE — End of school term also meant the impossible would happen. Everyone cleaned out his locker.



GONNA' MISS YOU — Final good-byes were exchanged between students and teachers. For underclassmen it was just a short "so long." For seniors it meant in some cases a permanent departure from old friends and the place that had become their second home.



I PASSED!!! — That little matter of viewing final report cards is always suspense-filled.

ALL OVER — And then it's all over. Waving good-bye to the many new friends you made during the year creates a nostalgic scene.



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FRIENDS OF THE CLASS . . .

*Extend Congratulations and Best Wishes
to the Class of 1960*

To you, the 1960 Graduating Class of West Deer High School, we all join in extending our most fervent wishes for success and happiness in the days ahead. You can be proud of what you have accomplished during your lifetime to date. No matter how you look at it, 12 years of schooling represents an accumulation of a great deal of hard work and knowledge.

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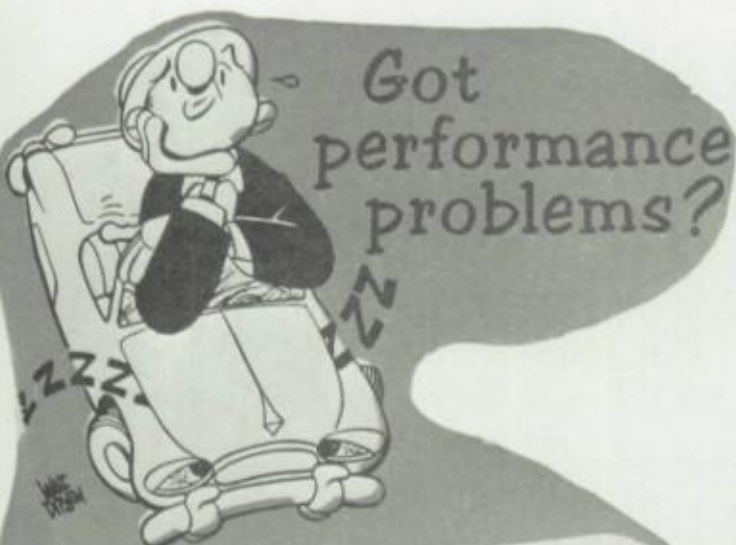
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ALLEGHENY ACRES BOOSTERS' CLUB—Mrs. Dan Wagner, president; Mrs. C. Heller, vice-president; Mrs. C. H. Miller, secretary; Mrs. R. E. Lewis, treasurer . . . Meet 2nd Wednesday of month . . . Work for community and township betterment.

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CURTISVILLE PTA—Mrs. Frank Pierre, president; Mrs. John Consolaro, vice-president; Mrs. Harold Norris, secretary; Mrs. Henry Morgan, treasurer . . . Meet 2nd Monday of month in Curtisville school . . . Work on projects to aid schools and promote desirable community-school relations . . . Some projects and events this year included buying of films, furnishing YMCA bus, fun fair, prominent speakers at meetings.

ITALIAN WORKERS AID SOCIETY—John Schiolla Jr., president; John Grill, vice-president; Tom Morro, secretary; Max Colpo, treasurer . . . Meet 2nd Sunday of month . . . promotion of cultural heritage and encouragement of fellowship and brotherhood among members and friends.

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LADIES AUXILIARY OF WEST DEER FIRE DEPT. NO. 1—Mrs. Violet Erskine, president; Mrs. Edith Anderson, vice-president; Mrs. Ida Mae Long, secretary; Mrs. Connie Consolaro, treasurer . . . Meet 2nd Tuesday of month . . . Support the work and fund raising projects of the company which result in good fire and emergency protection and community betterment.

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WEST DEER NON-PARTISAN CIVIC LEAGUE—Harry Magill, president; A. A. McDonald, vice-

president; Mrs. Kenneth Langharst, secretary; O. C. Diehl, treasurer . . . Meets 3rd Tuesday of month . . . Meet to keep informed on current civic issues and strive for community betterment. Also, award college scholarship each year to a West Deer student.

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WEST DEER TWP. LIONS CLUB—Oliver Diehl, president; Wm. Palmer, vice-president; Jacob Utzig, treasurer; Wm. E. Burns, secretary . . . Meet 1st and 3rd Monday of month . . . Strive in every way posible to aid community, school, needy people through Lions sight program.

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WEST DEER TWP. VOL. FIRE DEPT. NO. 1—Bill Hazlett, fire chief; Karns Hazlett, president; James Hice, vice-president; Wm. Paholich, secretary; Wm. Shearer, treasurer . . . Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday of month . . . Community's first line of defense against fires and other emergencies.

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WEST DEER TWP. VOL. FIRE DEPT. NO. 2—Russell Falconer, fire chief; Wm. Hosking, president; Ray McCall, secretary; George Grissell, board chairman . . . Meets 1st Friday and 3rd Sunday of month . . . Devoted community citizens always on call in case of fire or emergency. Their volunteer ambulance service considered one of the township's greatest assets. Both companies had one of their biggest years in fighting major house fires and potentially dangerous brush blazes.

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WOMAN'S NATIONAL FARM AND GARDEN ASSN., WEST DEER BRANCH—Mrs. Joseph Norris, president; Mrs. Emerson Miller, vice-president; Mrs. Harry Arbuthnot, secretary; Mrs. Kenneth Miller, treasurer . . . Meets 2nd Wednesday of month . . . Have flower show, help finance national scholarship, help scout and brownie program, award prize to West Deer business place with most attractive grounds.

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